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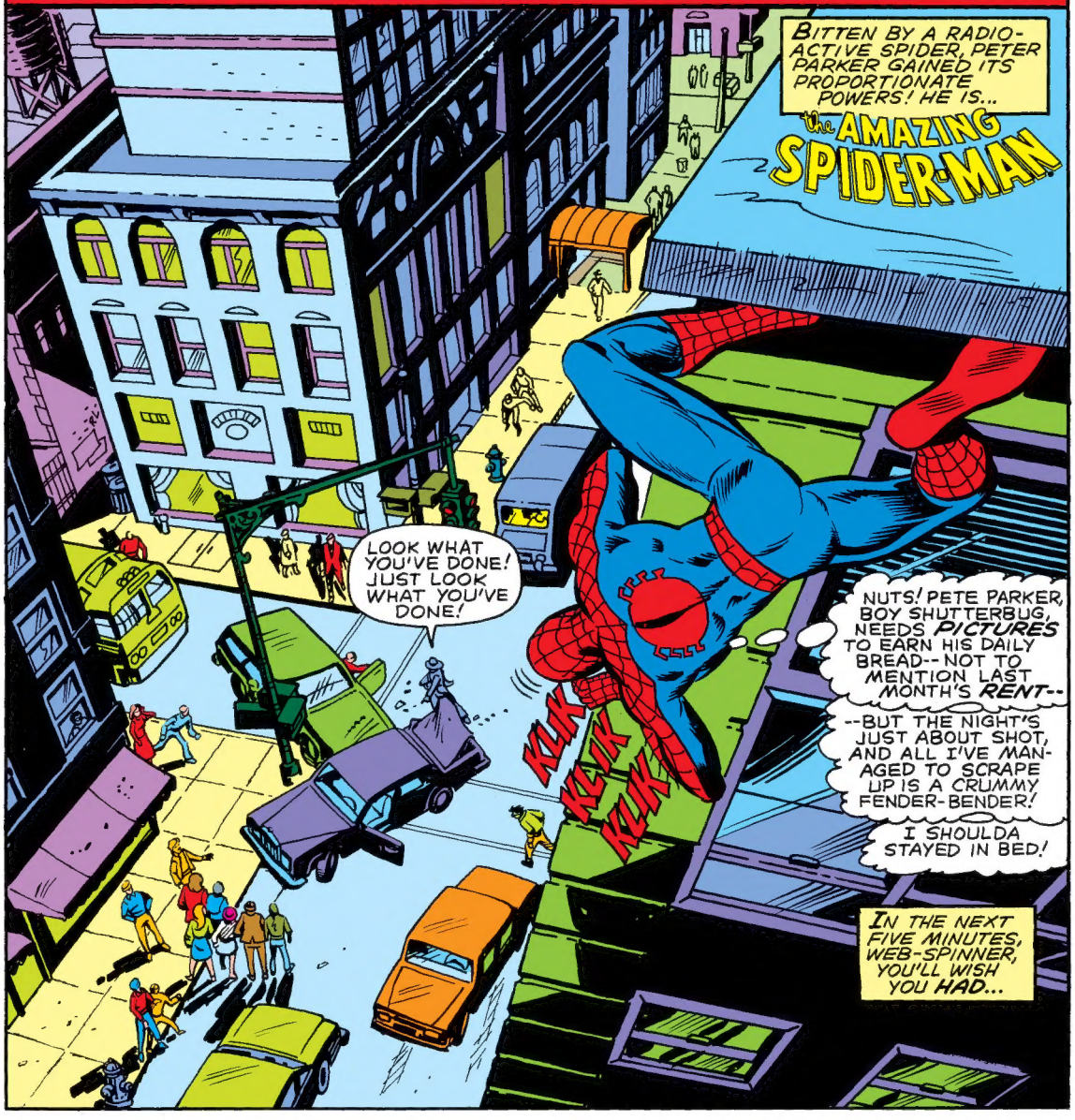

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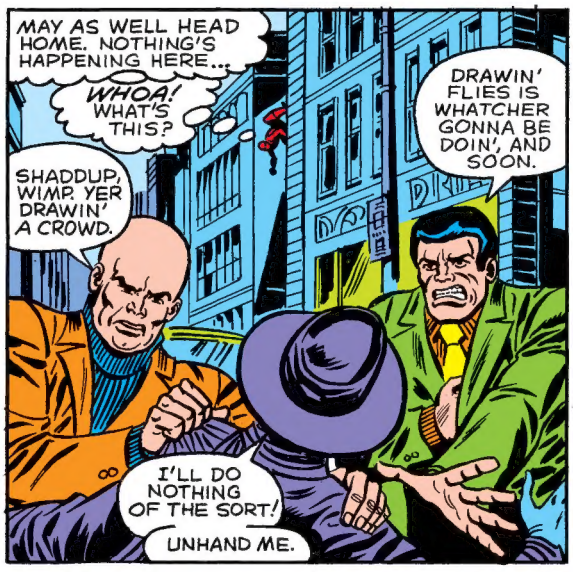
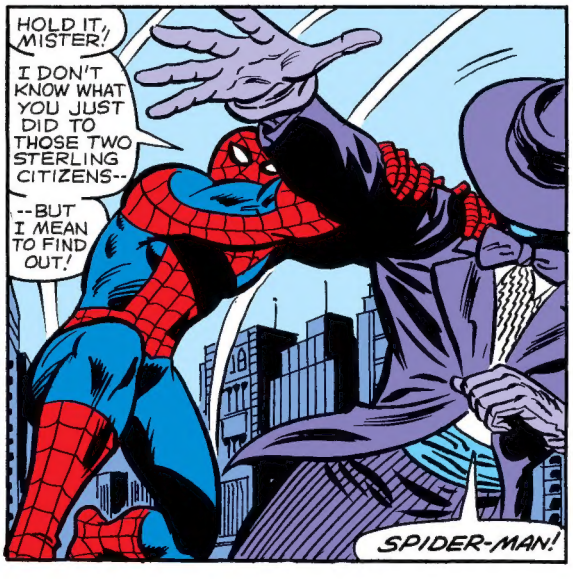

MAY AS WELL HEAD HOME. NOTHING'S HAPPENING HERE...
WHOA! WHAT'S THIS?
DRAWIN' FLIES IS WHATCHER GONNA BE DOIN', AND SOON.
SHADDUP, WIMP. YER DRAWIN' A CROWD.
I'LL DO NOTHING OF THE SORT!
UNHAND ME.

THAT'S BETTER.
NOW, YOU'VE BOTH BEEN VERY, VERY BAD. YOU'VE RUINED MY ROLLS ROYCE--AN EXQUISITE CAR--
--AND FRANKLY, YOU'VE UPSET ME.

I SIMPLY CAN'T LET THAT GO UN-PUNISHED.
SURE. WE UNDERSTAND.
DON'T WE, SCUDD?
'COURSE.

GOOD. FOR YOUR PUNISHMENT, YOU MUST PUNCH EACH OTHER INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS.
WHATEVER YOU SAY.
HAPPY TO.
WHOK


HOLD IT, MISTER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU JUST DID TO THOSE TWO STERLING CITIZENS--
--BUT I MEAN TO FIND OUT!
SPIDER-MAN!

THAT'S MY NAME, AND YOU'RE-- PURPLE?!?
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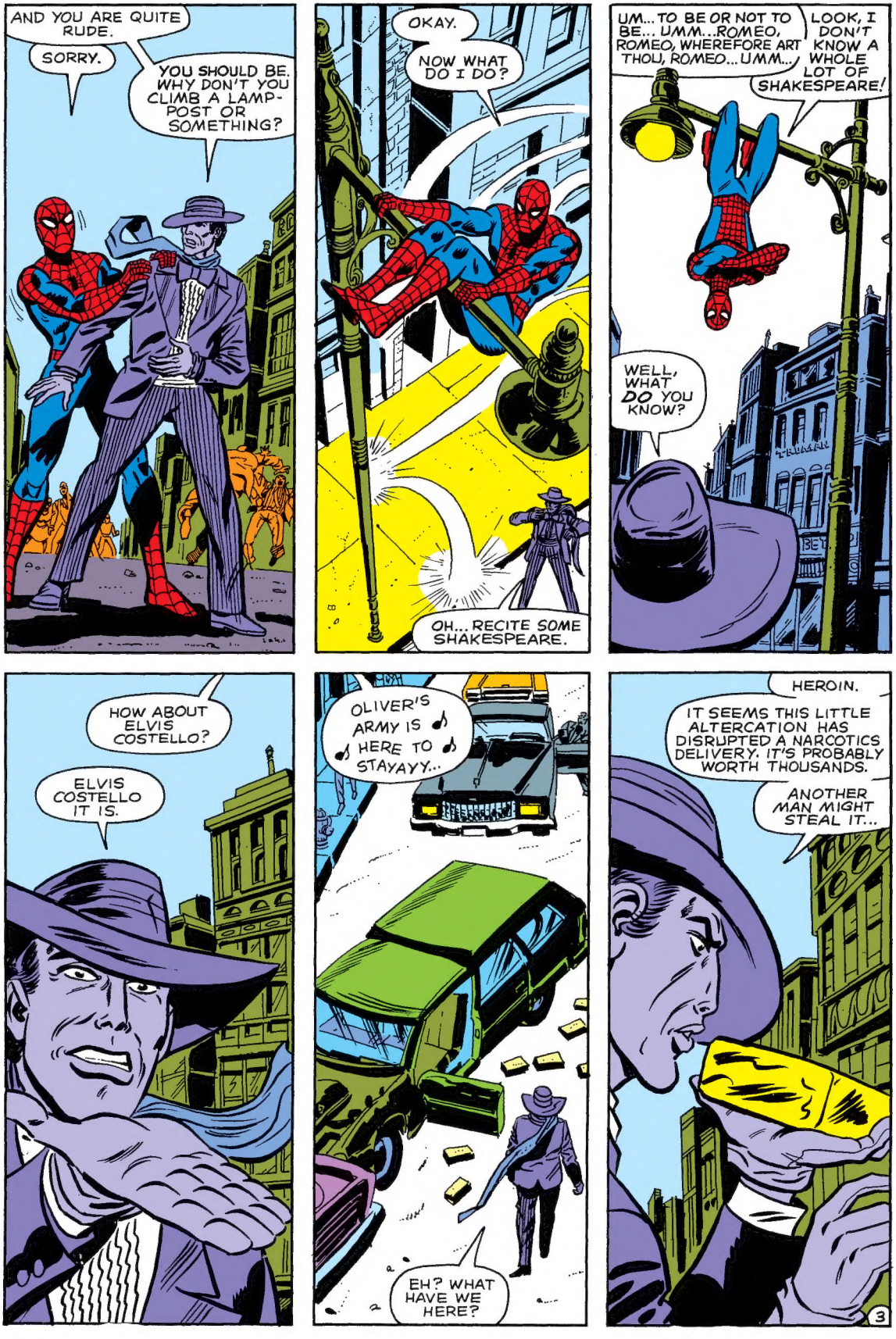
AND YOU ARE QUITE RUDE.
SORRY.
YOU SHOULD BE. WHY DON'T YOU CLIMB A LAMP-POST OR SOMETHING?
OKAY.
NOW WHAT DO I DO?
OH... RECITE SOME SHAKESPEARE.
UM... TO BE OR NOT TO BE... UMM... ROMEO, ROMEO, WHEREFORE ART THOU, ROMEO... UMM...
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW A WHOLE LOT OF SHAKESPEARE!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
HOW ABOUT ELVIS COSTELLO?
ELVIS COSTELLO IT IS.
OLIVER'S ARMY IS HERE TO STAYAYY..
EH? WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
HEROIN.
IT SEEMS THIS LITTLE ALTERCATION HAS DISRUPTED A NARCOTICS DELIVERY. IT'S PROBABLY WORTH THOUSANDS.
ANOTHER MAN MIGHT STEAL IT...
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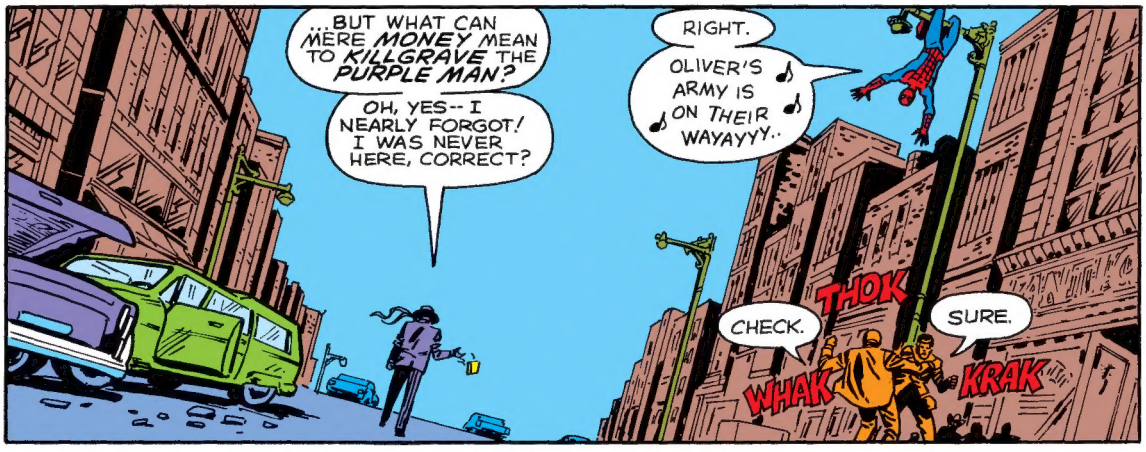
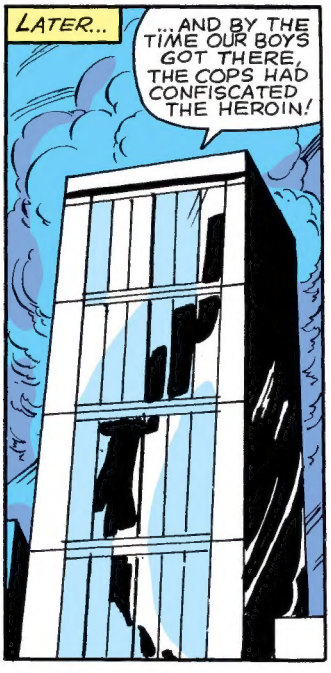
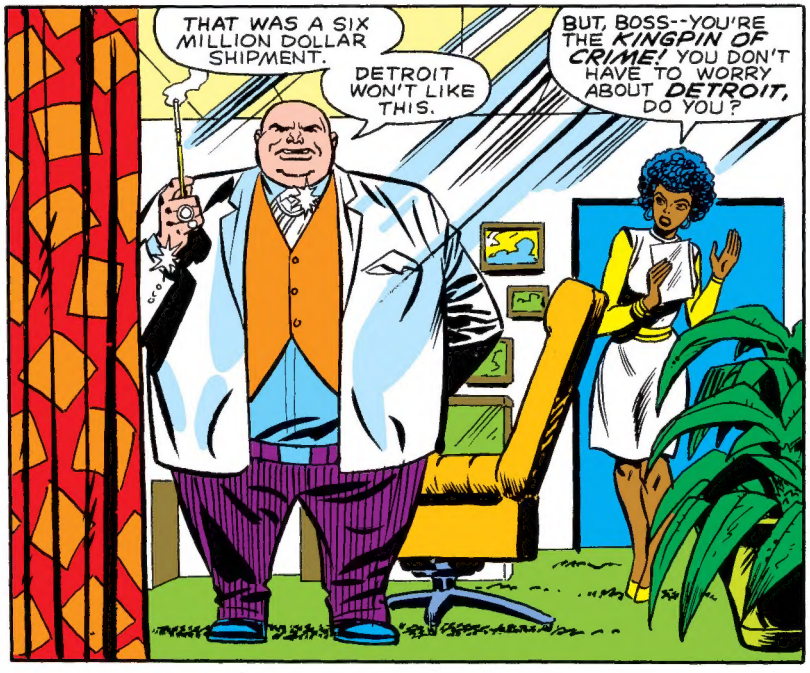
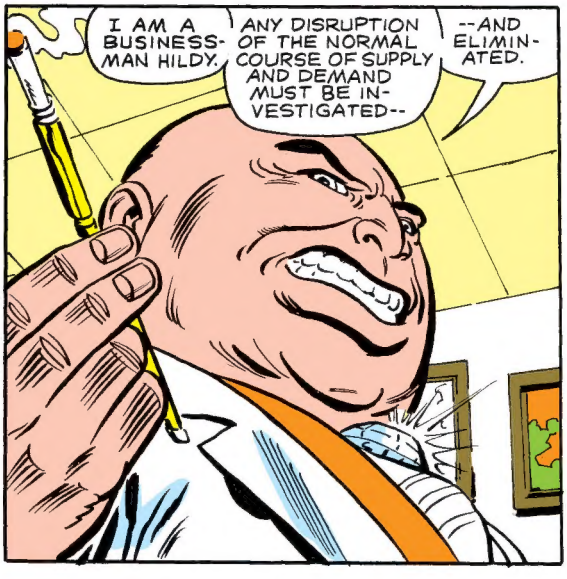
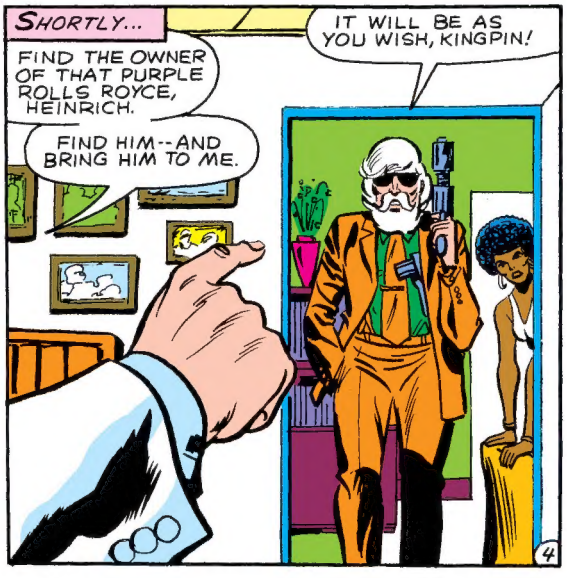
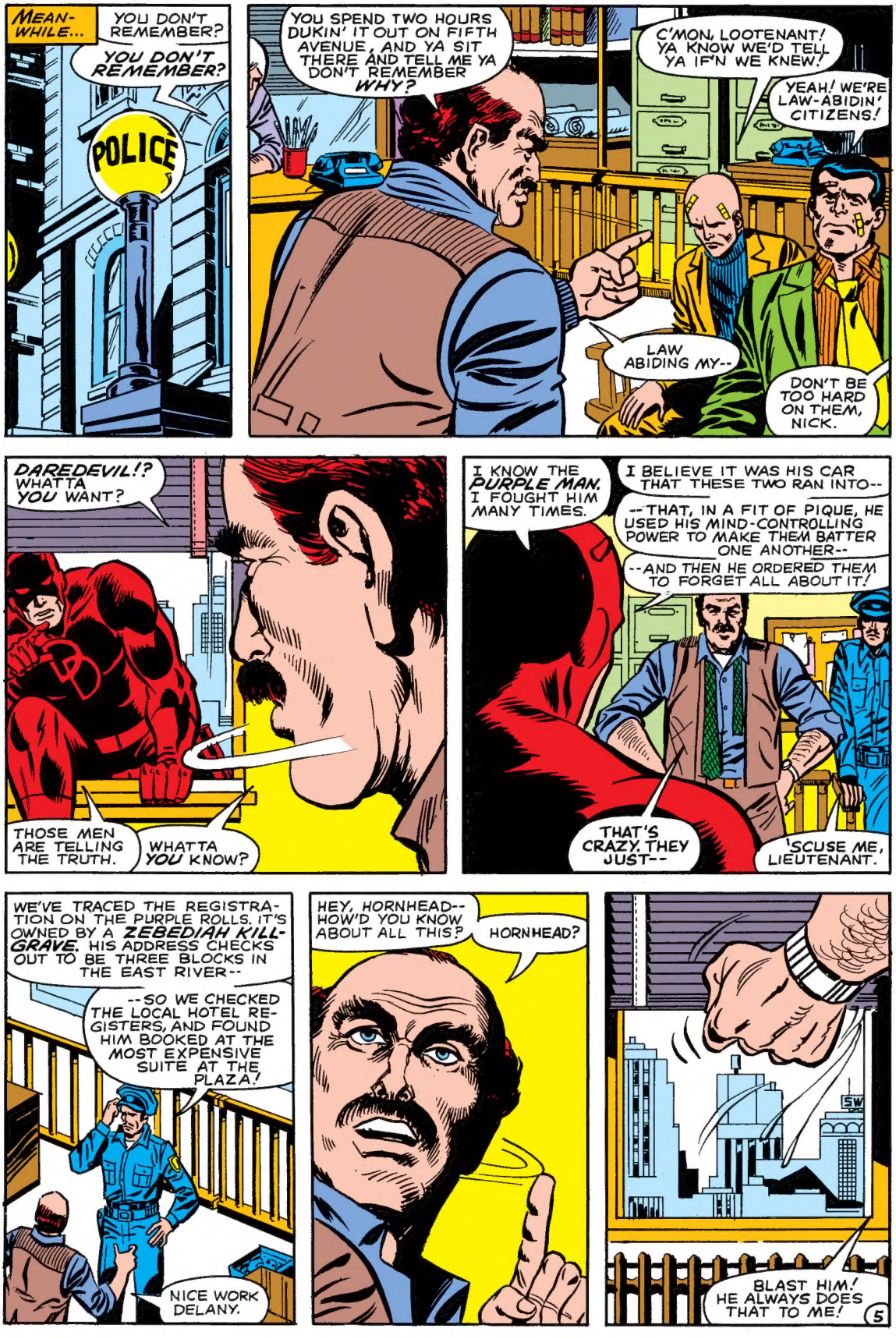

...BUT WHAT CAN MERE MONEY MEAN TO KILLGRAVE THE PURPLE MAN?
OH, YES-- I NEARLY FORGOT! I WAS NEVER HERE, CORRECT?
RIGHT.
OLIVER'S ARMY IS ON THEIR WAYAYYY..
CHECK.
THOK
WHAK
SURE.
KRAK


LATER...
...AND BY THE TIME OUR BOYS GOT THERE, THE COPS HAD CONFISCATED THE HEROIN!


THAT WAS A SIX MILLION DOLLAR SHIPMENT.
DETROIT WON'T LIKE THIS.
BUT, BOSS--YOU'RE THE KINGPIN OF CRIME! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DETROIT, DO YOU?


I AM A BUSINESS-MAN HILDY.
ANY DISRUPTION OF THE NORMAL COURSE OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND MUST BE IN-VESTIGATED--
--AND ELIMIN-ATED.


SHORTLY...
FIND THE OWNER OF THAT PURPLE ROLLS ROYCE, HEINRICH.
FIND HIM--AND BRING HIM TO ME.
IT WILL BE AS YOU WISH, KINGPIN!


MEAN-WHILE...
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
POLICE
YOU SPEND TWO HOURS DUKIN' IT OUT ON FIFTH AVENUE, AND YA SIT THERE AND TELL ME YA DON'T REMEMBER WHY?
C'MON, LOOTENANT! YA KNOW WE'D TELL YA IF'N WE KNEW!
YEAH! WE'RE LAW-ABIDIN' CITIZENS!
LAW ABIDING MY--
DON'T BE TOO HARD ON THEM, NICK.
DAREDEVIL!? WHATTA YOU WANT?
THOSE MEN ARE TELLING THE TRUTH.
WHATTA YOU KNOW?
I KNOW THE PURPLE MAN. I FOUGHT HIM MANY TIMES.
I BELIEVE IT WAS HIS CAR THAT THESE TWO RAN INTO--
--THAT, IN A FIT OF PIQUE, HE USED HIS MIND-CONTROLLING POWER TO MAKE THEM BATTER ONE ANOTHER--
--AND THEN HE ORDERED THEM TO FORGET ALL ABOUT IT!
THAT'S CRAZY. THEY JUST--
'SCUSE ME, LIEUTENANT.
WE'VE TRACED THE REGISTRATION ON THE PURPLE ROLLS. IT'S OWNED BY A ZEBEDIAH KILLGRAVE. HIS ADDRESS CHECKS OUT TO BE THREE BLOCKS IN THE EAST RIVER--
--SO WE CHECKED THE LOCAL HOTEL REGISTERS, AND FOUND HIM BOOKED AT THE MOST EXPENSIVE SUITE AT THE PLAZA!
NICE WORK DELANY.
HEY, HORNHEAD-- HOW'D YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL THIS?
HORNHEAD?
SW
BLAST HIM! HE ALWAYS DOES THAT TO ME!
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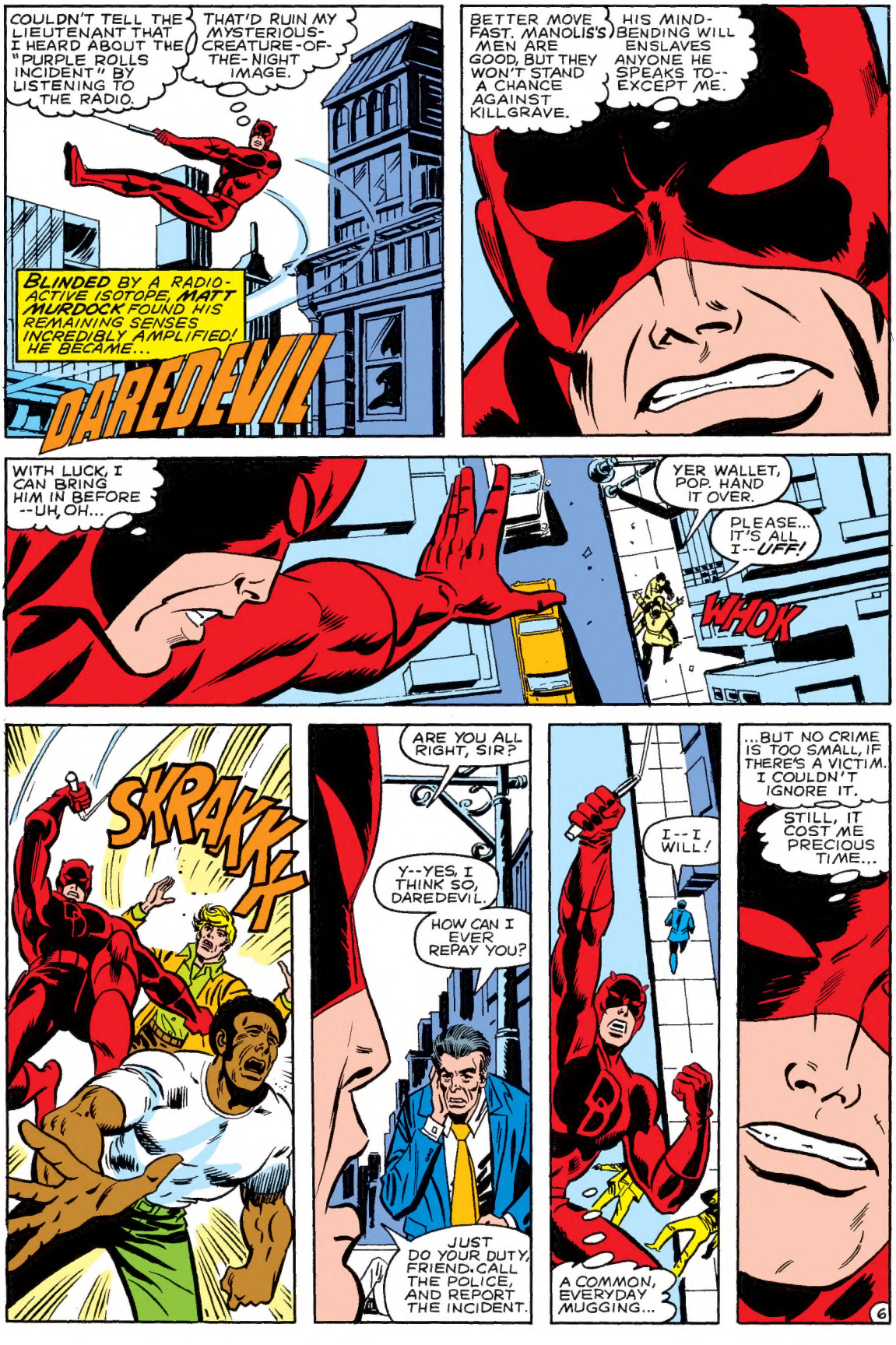
COULDN'T TELL THE LIEUTENANT THAT I HEARD ABOUT THE "PURPLE ROLLS INCIDENT" BY LISTENING TO THE RADIO.
THAT'D RUIN MY MYSTERIOUS-CREATURE-OF-THE-NIGHT IMAGE.
BLINDED BY A RADIO-ACTIVE ISOTOPE, MATT MURDOCK FOUND HIS REMAINING SENSES INCREDIBLY AMPLIFIED! HE BECAME...
DAREDEVIL
BETTER MOVE FAST. MANOLIS'S MEN ARE GOOD, BUT THEY WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST KILLGRAVE.
HIS MIND-BENDING WILL ENSLAVES ANYONE HE SPEAKS TO--EXCEPT ME.
WITH LUCK, I CAN BRING HIM IN BEFORE --UH, OH...
YER WALLET, POP. HAND IT OVER.
PLEASE... IT'S ALL I--UFF!
WHOK
SKRAKK
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?
Y--YES, I THINK SO, DAREDEVIL.
HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU?
JUST DO YOUR DUTY, FRIEND. CALL THE POLICE, AND REPORT THE INCIDENT.
I--I WILL!
A COMMON, EVERYDAY MUGGING...
...BUT NO CRIME IS TOO SMALL, IF THERE'S A VICTIM. I COULDN'T IGNORE IT.
STILL, IT COST ME PRECIOUS TIME...
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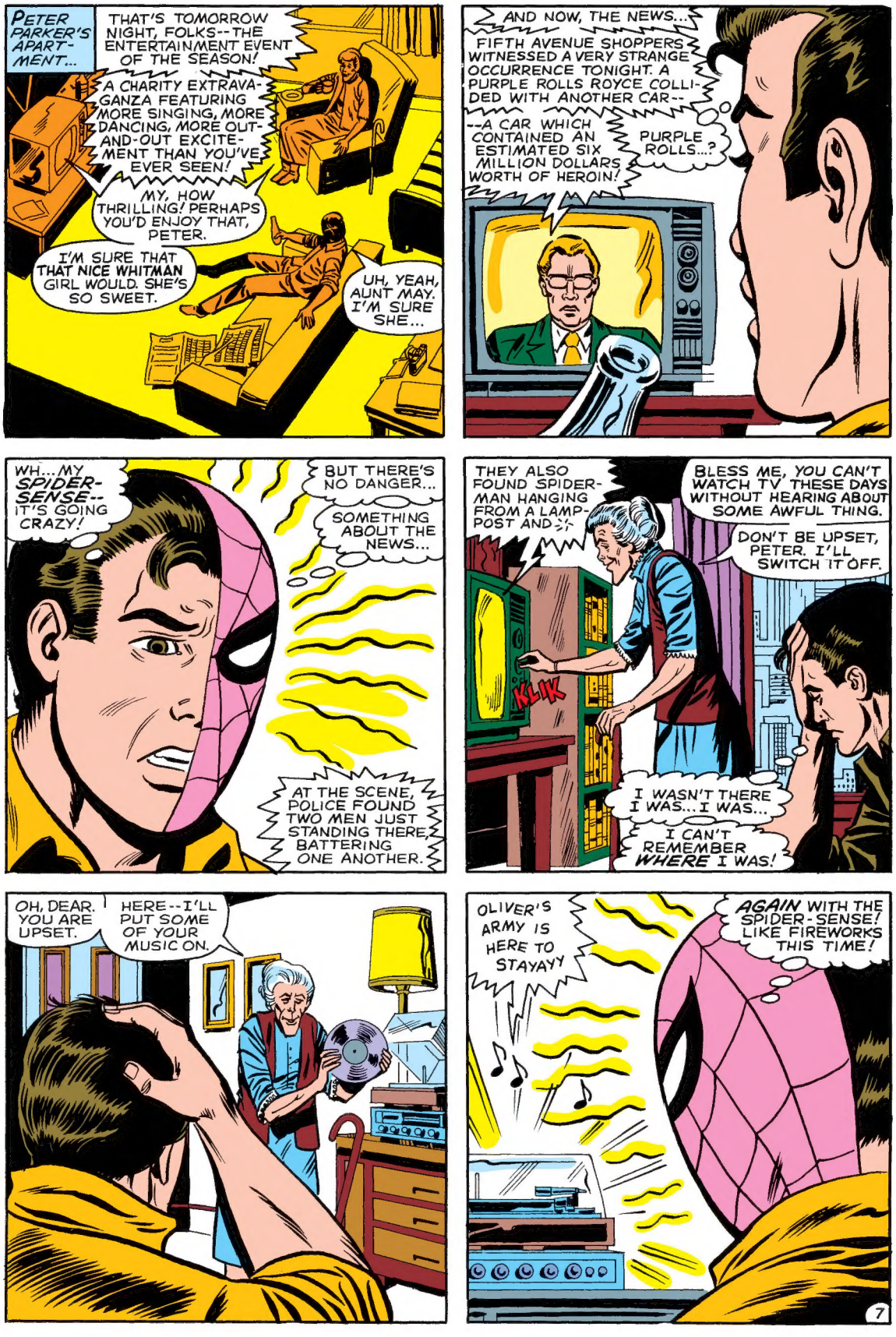
PETER PARKER'S APARTMENT...
THAT'S TOMORROW NIGHT, FOLKS--THE ENTERTAINMENT EVENT OF THE SEASON!
A CHARITY EXTRAVAGANZA FEATURING MORE SINGING, MORE DANCING, MORE OUT-AND-OUT EXCITEMENT THAN YOU'VE EVER SEEN!
MY, HOW THRILLING! PERHAPS YOU'D ENJOY THAT, PETER.
I'M SURE THAT THAT NICE WHITMAN GIRL WOULD. SHE'S SO SWEET.
UH, YEAH, AUNT MAY. I'M SURE SHE...
AND NOW, THE NEWS... FIFTH AVENUE SHOPPERS WITNESSED A VERY STRANGE OCCURRENCE TONIGHT. A PURPLE ROLLS ROYCE COLLIDED WITH ANOTHER CAR--
--A CAR WHICH CONTAINED AN ESTIMATED SIX MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF HEROIN!
PURPLE ROLLS...?
WH...MY SPIDER-SENSE-- IT'S GOING CRAZY!
BUT THERE'S NO DANGER...
SOMETHING ABOUT THE NEWS...
AT THE SCENE, POLICE FOUND TWO MEN JUST STANDING THERE, BATTERING ONE ANOTHER.
THEY ALSO FOUND SPIDER-MAN HANGING FROM A LAMP-POST AND--
BLESS ME, YOU CAN'T WATCH TV THESE DAYS WITHOUT HEARING ABOUT SOME AWFUL THING.
DON'T BE UPSET, PETER. I'LL SWITCH IT OFF.
KLIK
I WASN'T THERE I WAS... I WAS...
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE I WAS!
OH, DEAR. YOU ARE UPSET.
HERE--I'LL PUT SOME OF YOUR MUSIC ON.
OLIVER'S ARMY IS HERE TO STAYAYY
AGAIN WITH THE SPIDER-SENSE! LIKE FIREWORKS THIS TIME!
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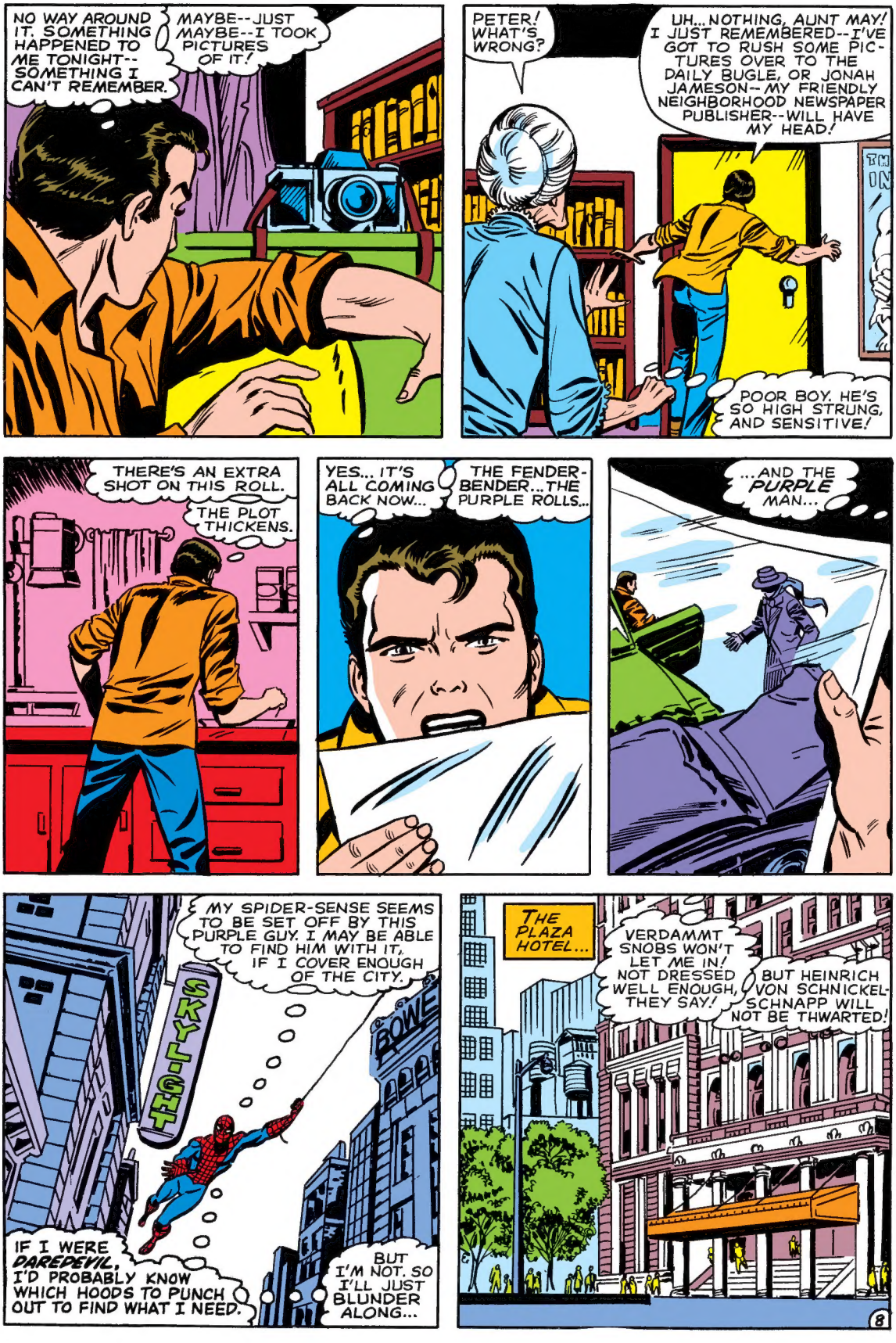
NO WAY AROUND IT. SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME TONIGHT--SOMETHING I CAN'T REMEMBER.
MAYBE--JUST MAYBE--I TOOK PICTURES OF IT!
PETER! WHAT'S WRONG?
UH...NOTHING, AUNT MAY! I JUST REMEMBERED--I'VE GOT TO RUSH SOME PICTURES OVER TO THE DAILY BUGLE, OR JONAH JAMESON--MY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER--WILL HAVE MY HEAD!
POOR BOY. HE'S SO HIGH STRUNG, AND SENSITIVE!
THERE'S AN EXTRA SHOT ON THIS ROLL.
THE PLOT THICKENS.
YES... IT'S ALL COMING BACK NOW...
THE FENDER-BENDER...THE PURPLE ROLLS...
...AND THE PURPLE MAN...
MY SPIDER-SENSE SEEMS TO BE SET OFF BY THIS PURPLE GUY. I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND HIM WITH IT, IF I COVER ENOUGH OF THE CITY.
SKY-LIGHT
BOWE
IF I WERE DAREDEVIL, I'D PROBABLY KNOW WHICH HOODS TO PUNCH OUT TO FIND WHAT I NEED.
BUT I'M NOT. SO I'LL JUST BLUNDER ALONG...
THE PLAZA HOTEL...
VERDAMMT SNOBS WON'T LET ME IN! NOT DRESSED WELL ENOUGH, THEY SAY!
BUT HEINRICH VON SCHNICKEL-SCHNAPP WILL NOT BE THWARTED!
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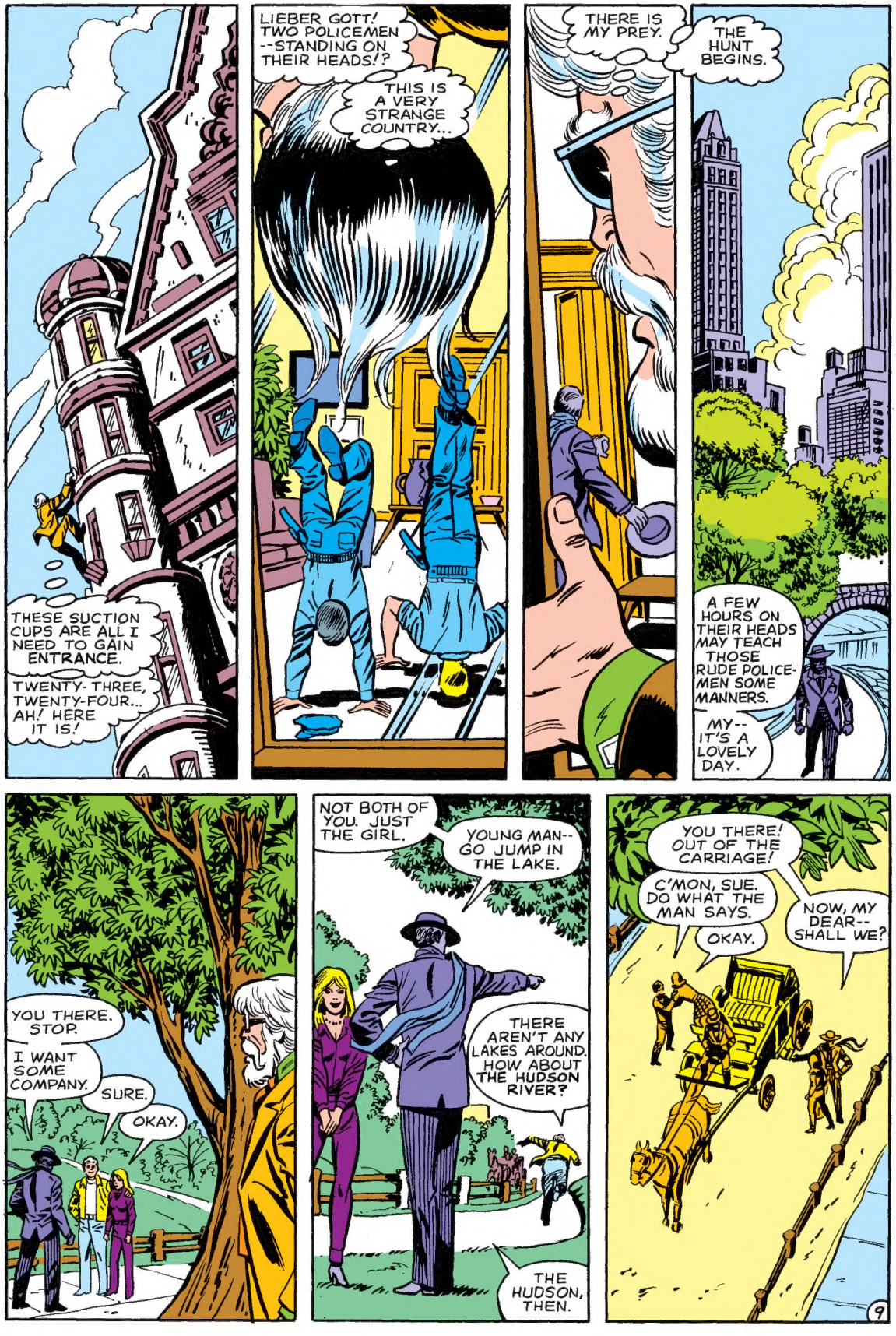
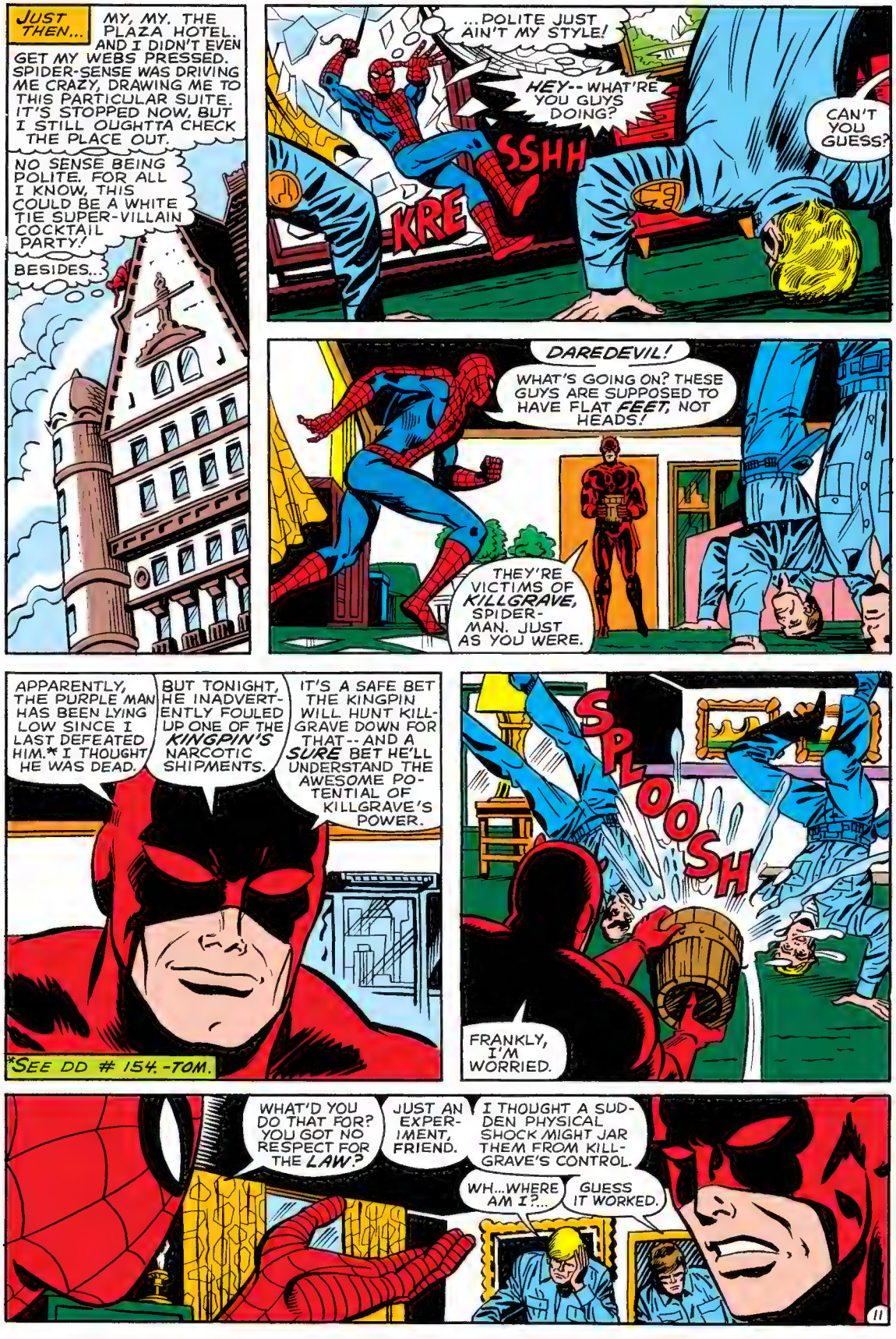

THESE SUCTION CUPS ARE ALL I NEED TO GAIN ENTRANCE.
TWENTY-THREE, TWENTY-FOUR... AH! HERE IT IS!
LIEBER GOTT! TWO POLICEMEN --STANDING ON THEIR HEADS!?
THIS IS A VERY STRANGE COUNTRY...
THERE IS MY PREY.
THE HUNT BEGINS.
A FEW HOURS ON THEIR HEADS MAY TEACH THOSE RUDE POLICE-MEN SOME MANNERS.
MY-- IT'S A LOVELY DAY.
YOU THERE. STOP.
I WANT SOME COMPANY.
SURE.
OKAY.
NOT BOTH OF YOU. JUST THE GIRL.
YOUNG MAN-- GO JUMP IN THE LAKE.
THERE AREN'T ANY LAKES AROUND. HOW ABOUT THE HUDSON RIVER?
THE HUDSON, THEN.
YOU THERE! OUT OF THE CARRIAGE!
C'MON, SUE. DO WHAT THE MAN SAYS.
OKAY.
NOW, MY DEAR-- SHALL WE?

I SHALL NEVER UNDERSTAND AMERICAN CUSTOMS.
YOU ARE VERY LOVELY, MY DEAR.
IF YOU SAY SO.
VERY... DESIR-ABLE...
YOU CALL THAT A KISS?
GET OUT!
OKAY.
IT'S SIMPLY NO FUN ANYMORE!
TOTAL POWER OVER ALL WHO LIVE IS A BEASTLY BORE.
DO NOT MOVE!
STAY PRECISELY WHERE YOU ARE-- OR I WILL MAKE YOU DEAD!
EH? YOU WILL NOT!
MAKE YOURSELF DEAD, RODENT!
AS YOU INSTRUCT.
NO... NEVER MIND. TELL ME WHY YOU'VE GONE THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE TO MEET ME.
PERHAPS THAT WILL PROVE INTERESTING.


JUST THEN...
MY, MY. THE PLAZA HOTEL. AND I DIDN'T EVEN GET MY WEBS PRESSED. SPIDER-SENSE WAS DRIVING ME CRAZY, DRAWING ME TO THIS PARTICULAR SUITE. IT'S STOPPED NOW, BUT I STILL OUGHTTA CHECK THE PLACE OUT.
NO SENSE BEING POLITE. FOR ALL I KNOW, THIS COULD BE A WHITE TIE SUPER-VILLAIN COCKTAIL PARTY!
BESIDES...
...POLITE JUST AIN'T MY STYLE!
HEY-- WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING?
KRE
SSHH
CAN'T YOU GUESS?
DAREDEVIL!
WHAT'S GOING ON? THESE GUYS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FLAT FEET, NOT HEADS!
THEY'RE VICTIMS OF KILLGRAVE, SPIDER-MAN. JUST AS YOU WERE.
APPARENTLY, THE PURPLE MAN HAS BEEN LYING LOW SINCE I LAST DEFEATED HIM.* I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD.
BUT TONIGHT, HE INADVERTENTLY FOULED UP ONE OF THE KINGPIN'S NARCOTIC SHIPMENTS.
IT'S A SAFE BET THE KINGPIN WILL HUNT KILLGRAVE DOWN FOR THAT-- AND A SURE BET HE'LL UNDERSTAND THE AWESOME POTENTIAL OF KILLGRAVE'S POWER.
*SEE DD # 154. -TOM.
SPLOOSH
FRANKLY, I'M WORRIED.
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR? YOU GOT NO RESPECT FOR THE LAW?
JUST AN EXPERIMENT, FRIEND.
I THOUGHT A SUDDEN PHYSICAL SHOCK MIGHT JAR THEM FROM KILLGRAVE'S CONTROL.
WH...WHERE AM I?...
GUESS IT WORKED.
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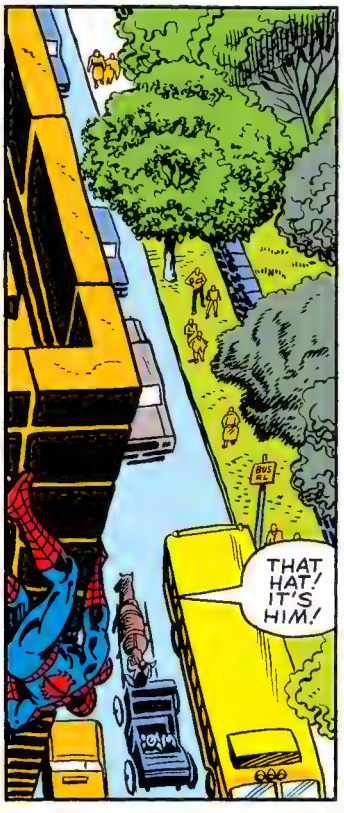
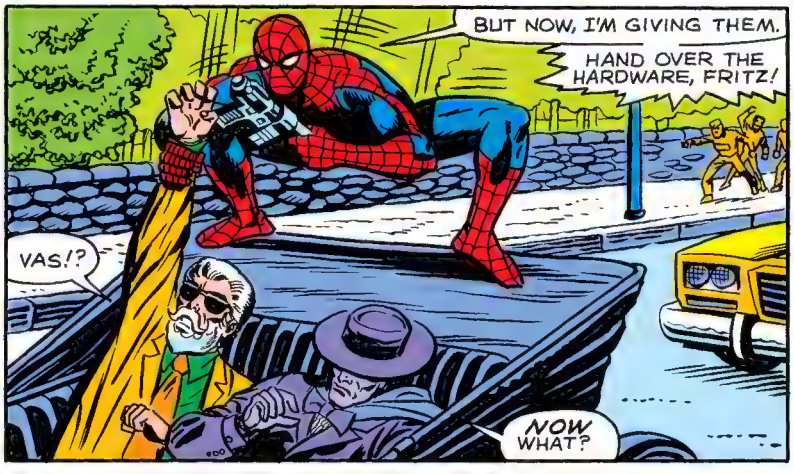
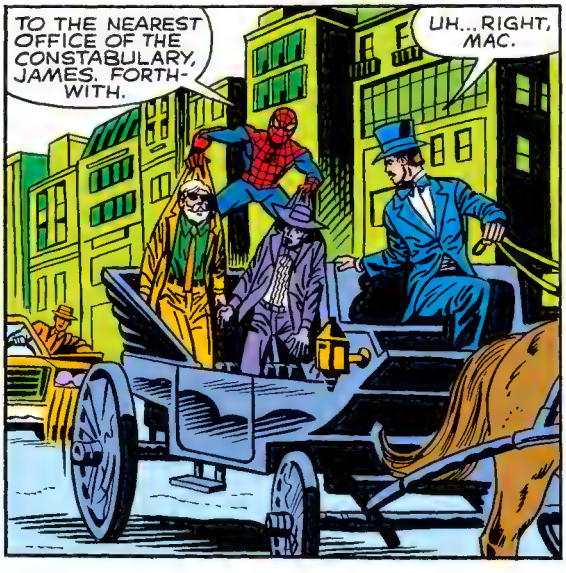
SOON...
AW, IT'S NO USE! I THOUGHT MY SPIDER-SENSE WOULD FIND HIM AGAIN, BUT--
WOW! SUDDENLY MY HEAD'S A BEEHIVE! WE MUST BE RIGHT ON TOP OF HIM!
KEEPING UP, OLD MAN?
MANAGING, YOUNGSTER. MANAGING.


THAT HAT! IT'S HIM!

SPIDER-MAN! DON'T!
GO RATTLE YOUR CRUTCHES, DD. I'VE BEEN TAKING ORDERS ALL NIGHT.


BUT NOW, I'M GIVING THEM.
HAND OVER THE HARDWARE, FRITZ!
VAS!?
NOW WHAT?


TO THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE CONSTABULARY, JAMES. FORTHWITH.
UH...RIGHT, MAC.

SPIDER-MAN...
... GO TAKE A FLYING LEAP.
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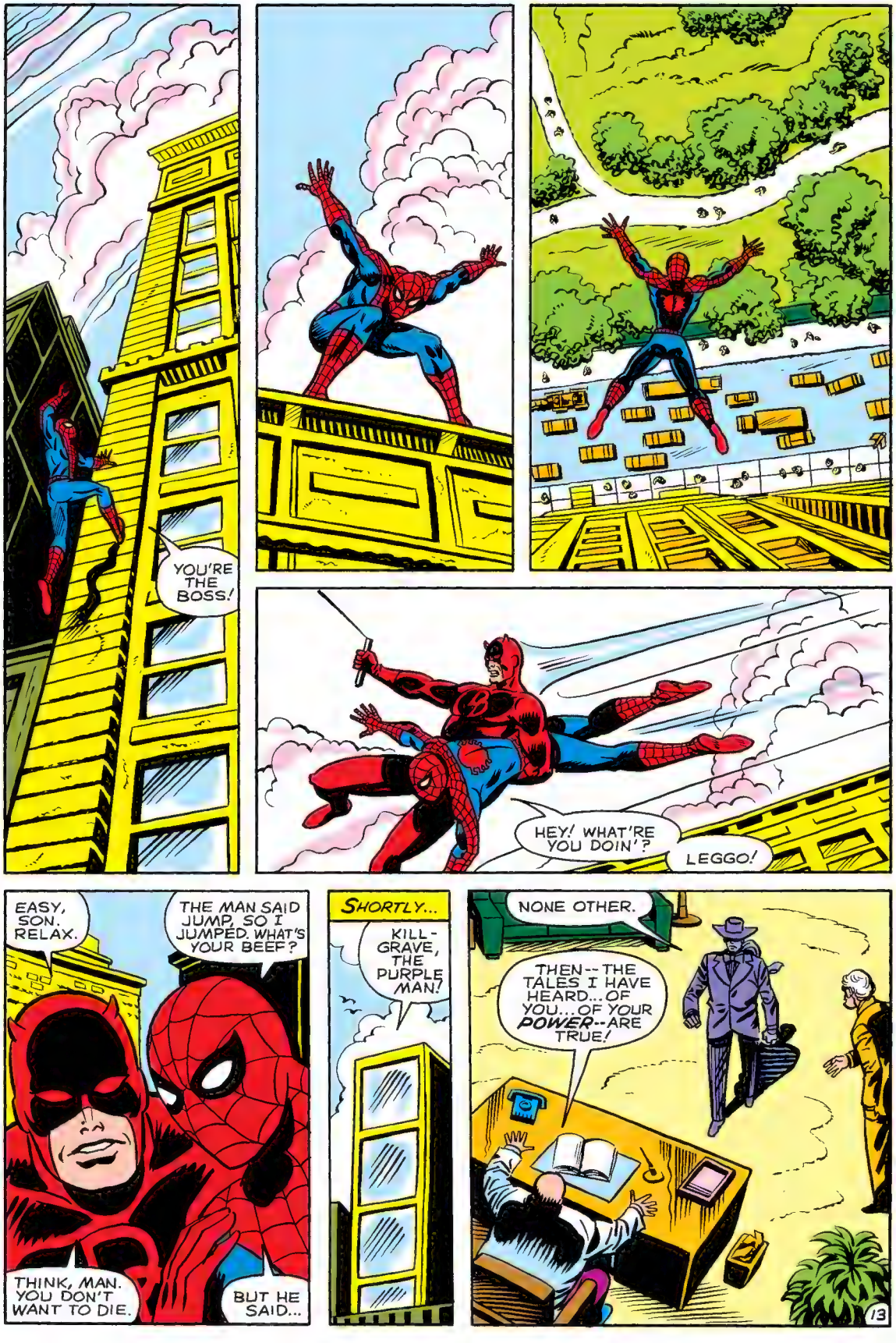
YOU'RE THE BOSS!
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?
LEGGO!
EASY, SON. RELAX.
THE MAN SAID JUMP, SO I JUMPED. WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?
THINK, MAN. YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE.
BUT HE SAID...
SHORTLY...
KILL-GRAVE, THE PURPLE MAN!
NONE OTHER.
THEN -- THE TALES I HAVE HEARD... OF YOU... OF YOUR POWER -- ARE TRUE!
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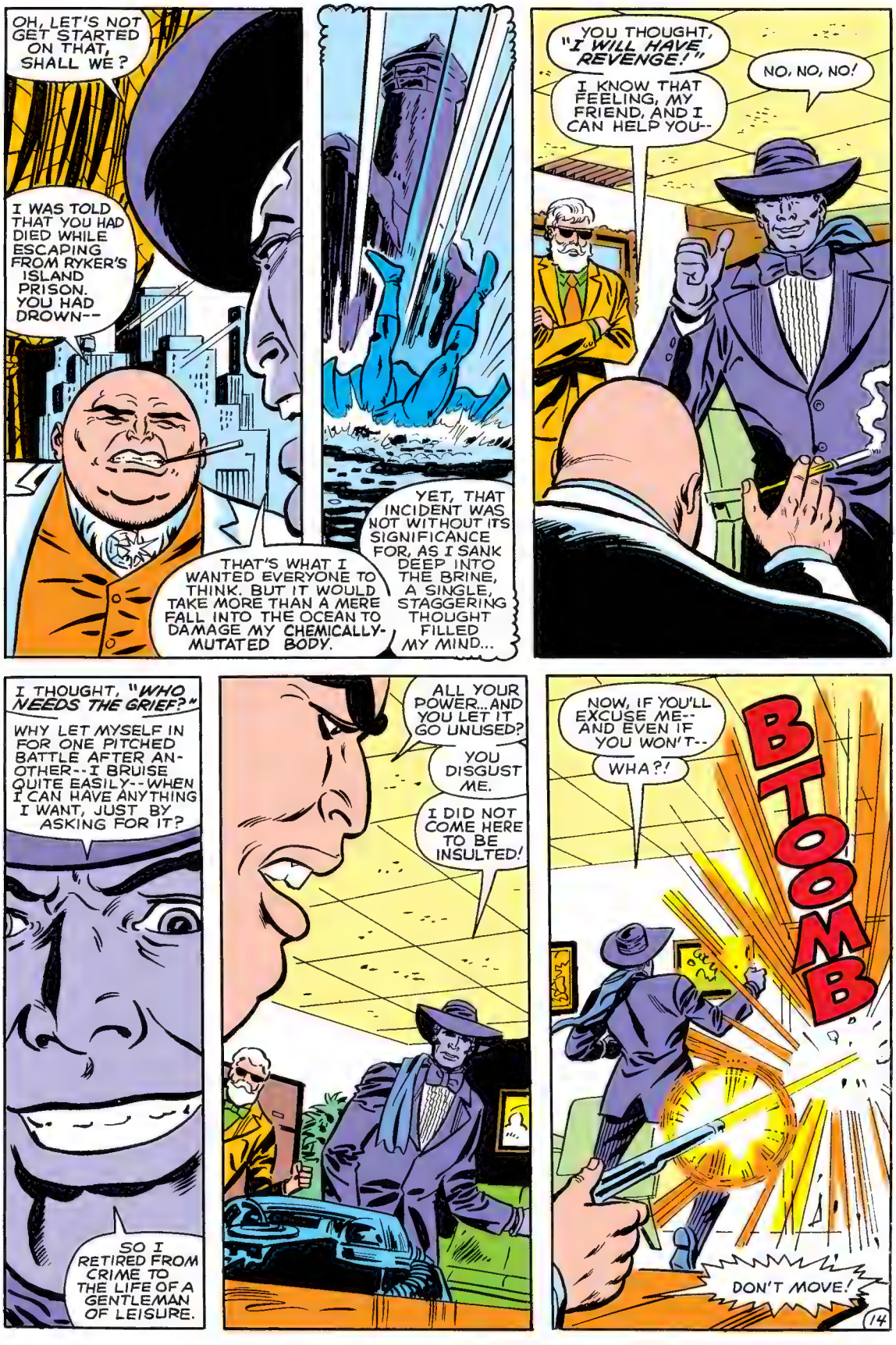
OH, LET'S NOT GET STARTED ON THAT, SHALL WE?
I WAS TOLD THAT YOU HAD DIED WHILE ESCAPING FROM RYKER'S ISLAND PRISON. YOU HAD DROWN--
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED EVERYONE TO THINK. BUT IT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN A MERE FALL INTO THE OCEAN TO DAMAGE MY CHEMICALLY-MUTATED BODY.
YET, THAT INCIDENT WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR, AS I SANK DEEP INTO THE BRINE, A SINGLE, STAGGERING THOUGHT FILLED MY MIND...
YOU THOUGHT, "I WILL HAVE REVENGE!"
NO, NO, NO!
I KNOW THAT FEELING, MY FRIEND, AND I CAN HELP YOU--
I THOUGHT, "WHO NEEDS THE GRIEF?"
WHY LET MYSELF IN FOR ONE PITCHED BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER--I BRUISE QUITE EASILY--WHEN I CAN HAVE ANYTHING I WANT, JUST BY ASKING FOR IT?
SO I RETIRED FROM CRIME TO THE LIFE OF A GENTLEMAN OF LEISURE.
ALL YOUR POWER...AND YOU LET IT GO UNUSED?
YOU DISGUST ME.
I DID NOT COME HERE TO BE INSULTED!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME--AND EVEN IF YOU WON'T--
WHA?!
BTOOMB
DON'T MOVE!
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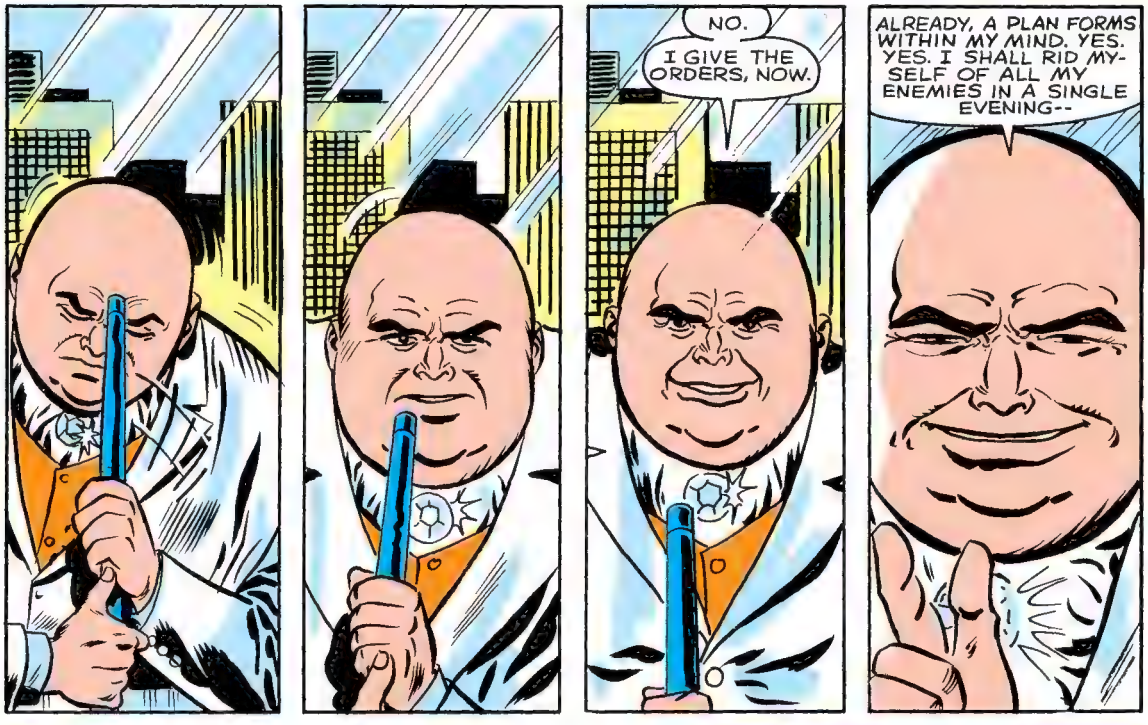
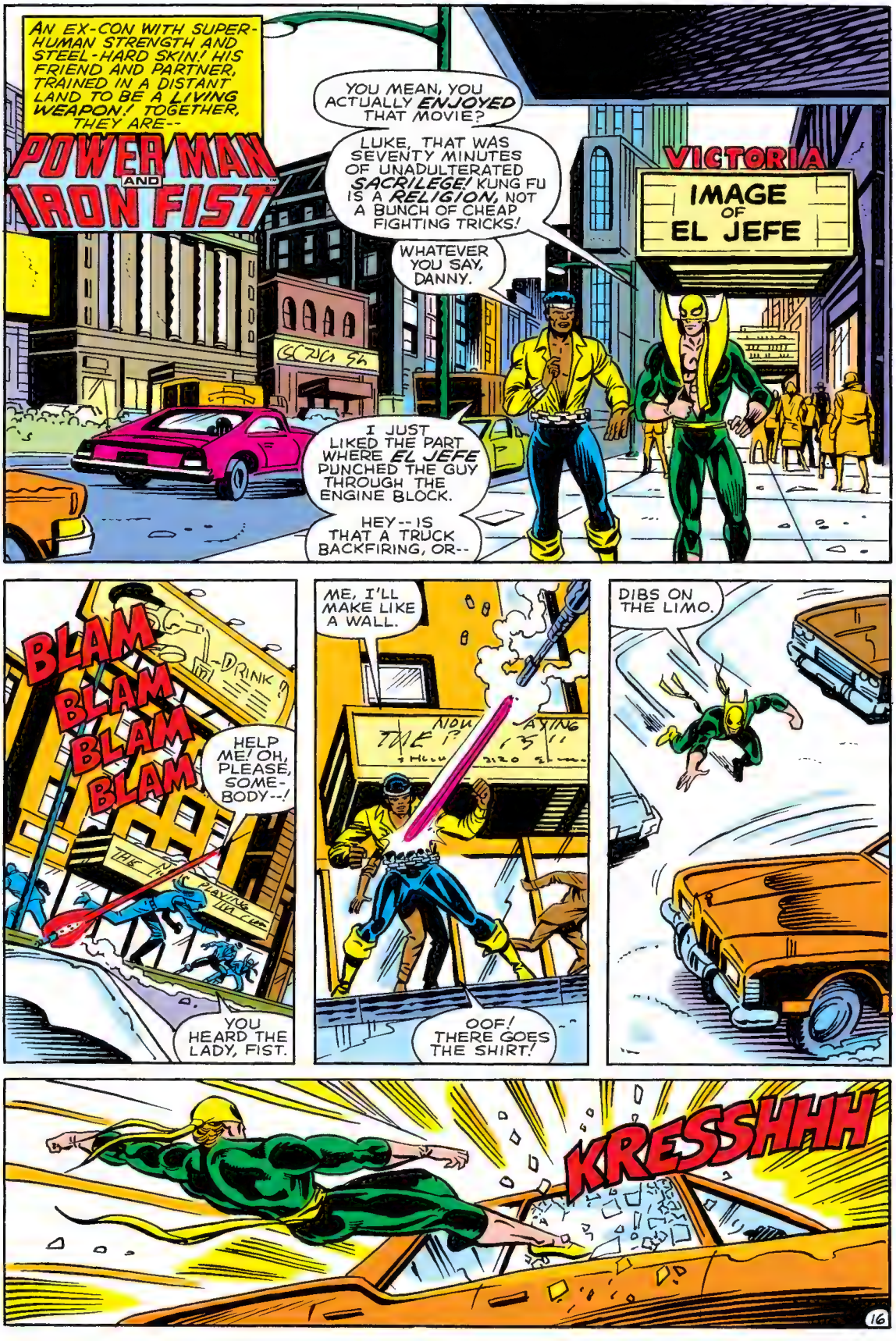
THIS IS MY OBLITERATOR CANE, DESIGNED BY AN EAGER-TO-PLEASE MACHINESMITH IN MY EMPLOY. IT CAN BE QUITE LETHAL.
THAT WAS A WARNING SHOT. ATTEMPT TO LEAVE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION, AND A SECOND SHOT SHALL SHATTER YOUR SPINE LIKE A MATCH STICK.
YOU DARE THREATEN ME?
LISTEN TO ME, YOU OVERWEANING OBESITY! I WANT YOU TO TAKE THAT CANE, POINT IT AT YOUR OWN HEAD--
--AND BLOW YOUR BRAINS OUT!


NO.
I GIVE THE ORDERS, NOW.
ALREADY, A PLAN FORMS WITHIN MY MIND. YES. YES. I SHALL RID MYSELF OF ALL MY ENEMIES IN A SINGLE EVENING--

--AND YOU, KILLGRAVE, SHALL BE MY WEAPON!
YOU RESISTED MY WILL--!
IN ALL MY LIFE, ONLY ONE OTHER COULD DISOBEY ME. BUT EVEN DAREDEVIL COULD NOT DO IT SO SURELY, SO EFFORTLESSLY...
DAREDEVIL? HE SHALL BE PART OF MY PLAN AS WELL. HE, AND ALL THE OTHER CHARLATANS WHO HAVE DISRUPTED MY OPERATION...
...WILL DIE.


AN EX-CON WITH SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH AND STEEL-HARD SKIN! HIS FRIEND AND PARTNER, TRAINED IN A DISTANT LAND TO BE A LIVING WEAPON! TOGETHER, THEY ARE--
POWER MAN AND IRON FIST
YOU MEAN, YOU ACTUALLY ENJOYED THAT MOVIE?
LUKE, THAT WAS SEVENTY MINUTES OF UNADULTERATED SACRILEGE! KUNG FU IS A RELIGION, NOT A BUNCH OF CHEAP FIGHTING TRICKS!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, DANNY.
VICTORIA
IMAGE OF EL JEFE
I JUST LIKED THE PART WHERE EL JEFE PUNCHED THE GUY THROUGH THE ENGINE BLOCK.
HEY--IS THAT A TRUCK BACKFIRING, OR--
BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
HELP ME! OH, PLEASE, SOMEBODY--!
YOU HEARD THE LADY, FIST.
ME, I'LL MAKE LIKE A WALL.
OOF! THERE GOES THE SHIRT!
DIBS ON THE LIMO.
KRESSHHH
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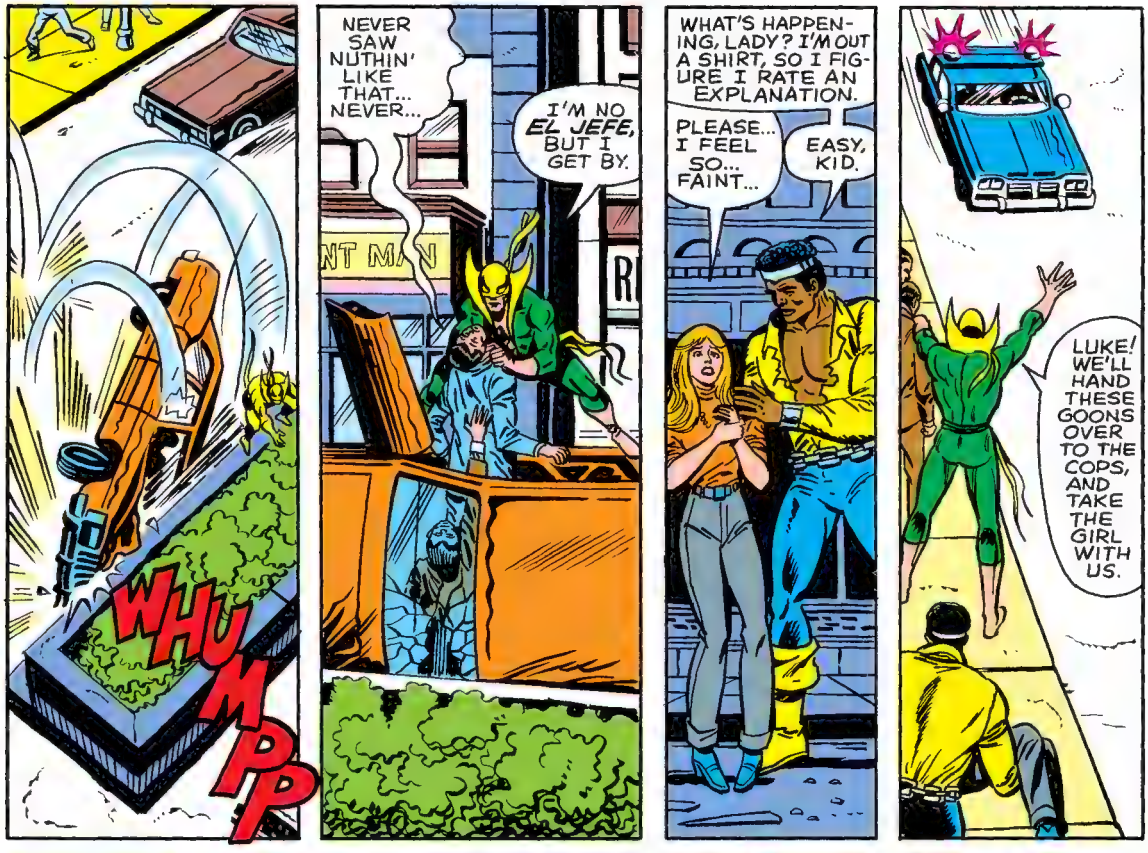
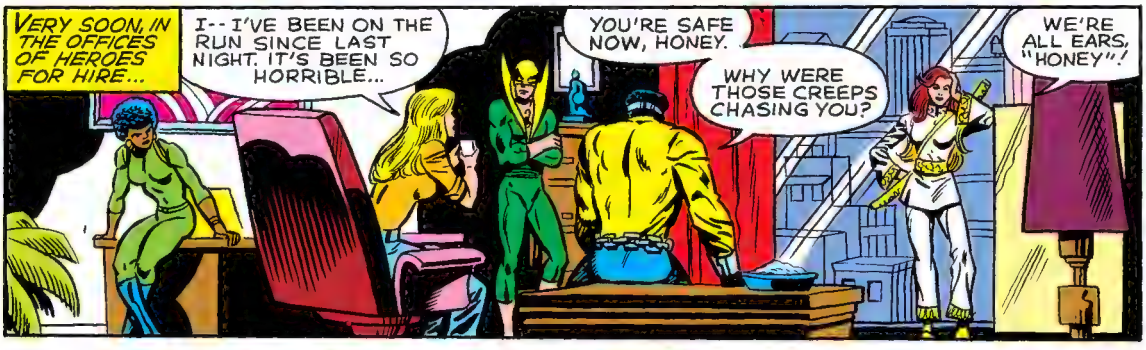
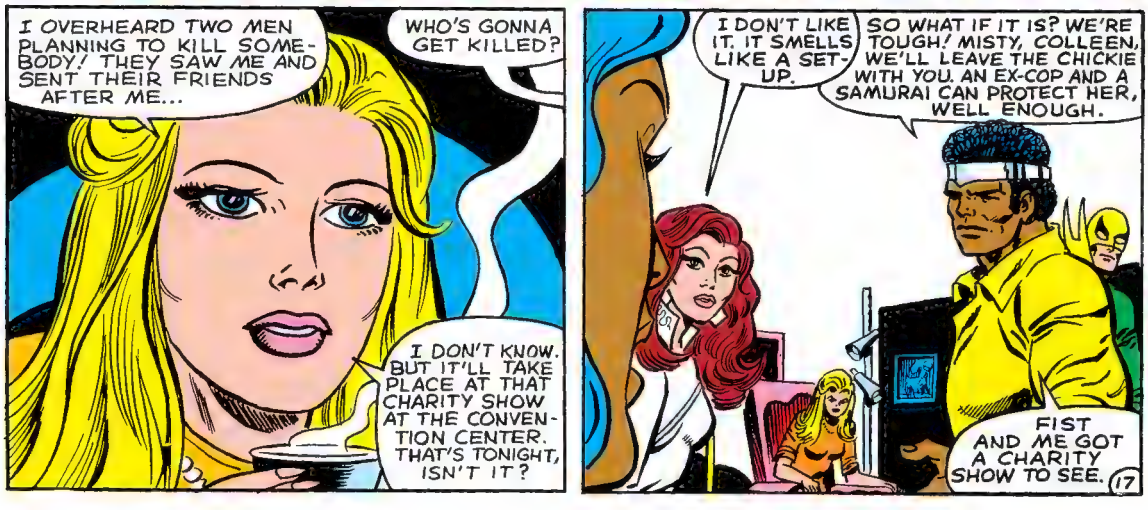
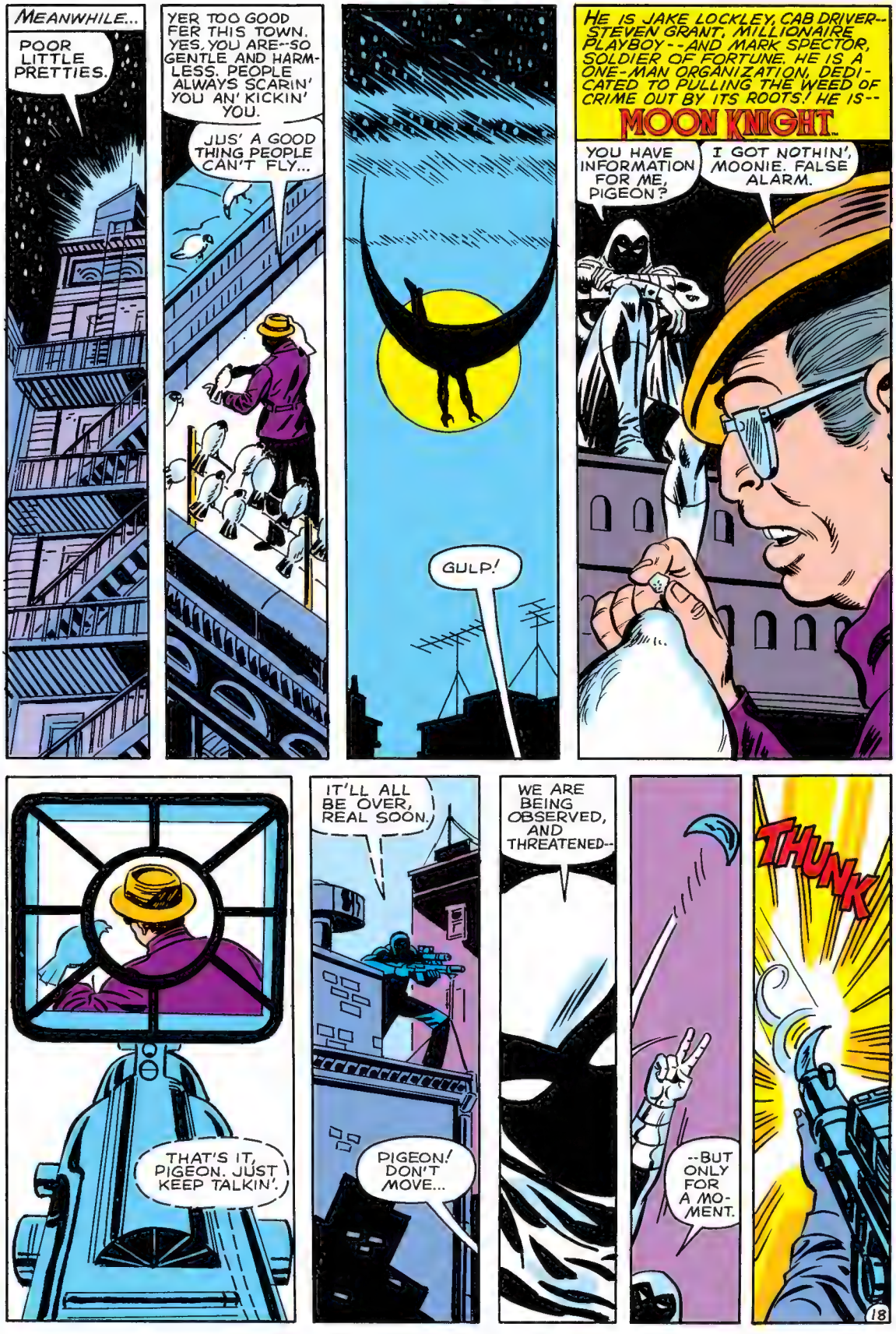

WHUMPP
NEVER SAW NUTHIN' LIKE THAT... NEVER...
I'M NO EL JEFE, BUT I GET BY.
WHAT'S HAPPENING, LADY? I'M OUT A SHIRT, SO I FIGURE I RATE AN EXPLANATION.
PLEASE... I FEEL SO... FAINT...
EASY, KID.
LUKE! WE'LL HAND THESE GOONS OVER TO THE COPS, AND TAKE THE GIRL WITH US.


VERY SOON, IN THE OFFICES OF HEROES FOR HIRE...
I--I'VE BEEN ON THE RUN SINCE LAST NIGHT. IT'S BEEN SO HORRIBLE...
YOU'RE SAFE NOW, HONEY.
WHY WERE THOSE CREEPS CHASING YOU?
WE'RE ALL EARS, "HONEY"!


I OVERHEARD TWO MEN PLANNING TO KILL SOMEBODY! THEY SAW ME AND SENT THEIR FRIENDS AFTER ME...
WHO'S GONNA GET KILLED?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT'LL TAKE PLACE AT THAT CHARITY SHOW AT THE CONVENTION CENTER. THAT'S TONIGHT, ISN'T IT?
I DON'T LIKE IT. IT SMELLS LIKE A SET-UP.
SO WHAT IF IT IS? WE'RE TOUGH! MISTY, COLLEEN, WE'LL LEAVE THE CHICKIE WITH YOU. AN EX-COP AND A SAMURAI CAN PROTECT HER, WELL ENOUGH.
FIST AND ME GOT A CHARITY SHOW TO SEE.


MEANWHILE...
POOR LITTLE PRETTIES.
YER TOO GOOD FER THIS TOWN. YES, YOU ARE--SO GENTLE AND HARMLESS. PEOPLE ALWAYS SCARIN' YOU AN' KICKIN' YOU.
JUS' A GOOD THING PEOPLE CAN'T FLY...
GULP!
HE IS JAKE LOCKLEY, CAB DRIVER--STEVEN GRANT, MILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY--AND MARK SPECTOR, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE. HE IS A ONE-MAN ORGANIZATION, DEDICATED TO PULLING THE WEED OF CRIME OUT BY ITS ROOTS! HE IS--
MOON KNIGHT
YOU HAVE INFORMATION FOR ME, PIGEON?
I GOT NOTHIN', MOONIE. FALSE ALARM.
THAT'S IT, PIGEON. JUST KEEP TALKIN'.
IT'LL ALL BE OVER, REAL SOON.
PIGEON! DON'T MOVE...
WE ARE BEING OBSERVED, AND THREATENED--
--BUT ONLY FOR A MOMENT.
THUNK
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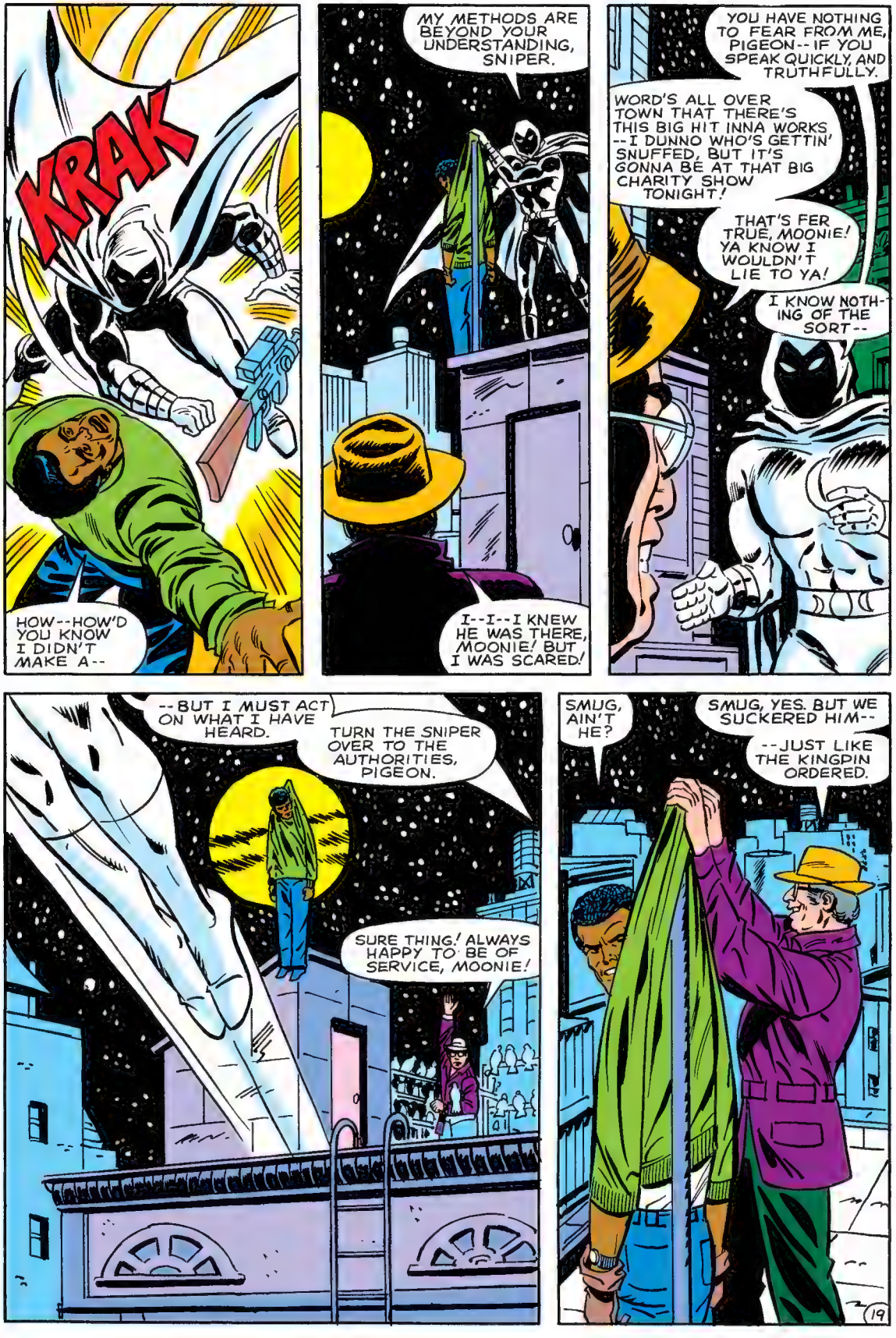
KRAK
HOW--HOW'D YOU KNOW I DIDN'T MAKE A--
MY METHODS ARE BEYOND YOUR UNDERSTANDING, SNIPER.
I--I--I KNEW HE WAS THERE, MOONIE! BUT I WAS SCARED!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ME, PIGEON--IF YOU SPEAK QUICKLY, AND TRUTHFULLY.
WORD'S ALL OVER TOWN THAT THERE'S THIS BIG HIT INNA WORKS --I DUNNO WHO'S GETTIN' SNUFFED, BUT IT'S GONNA BE AT THAT BIG CHARITY SHOW TONIGHT!
THAT'S FER TRUE, MOONIE! YA KNOW I WOULDN'T LIE TO YA!
I KNOW NOTHING OF THE SORT--
--BUT I MUST ACT ON WHAT I HAVE HEARD.
TURN THE SNIPER OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES, PIGEON.
SURE THING! ALWAYS HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE, MOONIE!
SMUG, AIN'T HE?
SMUG, YES. BUT WE SUCKERED HIM--
--JUST LIKE THE KINGPIN ORDERED.
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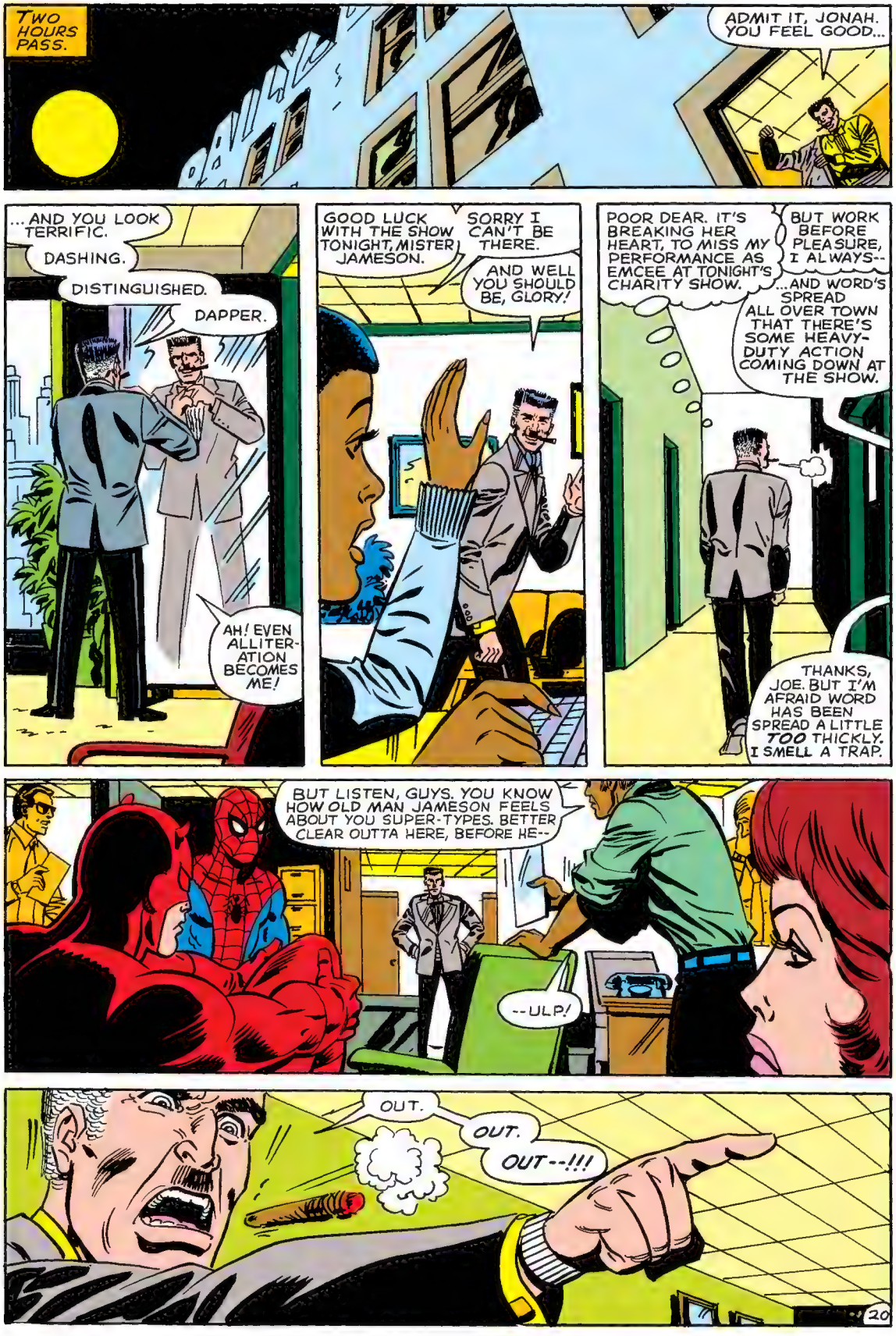
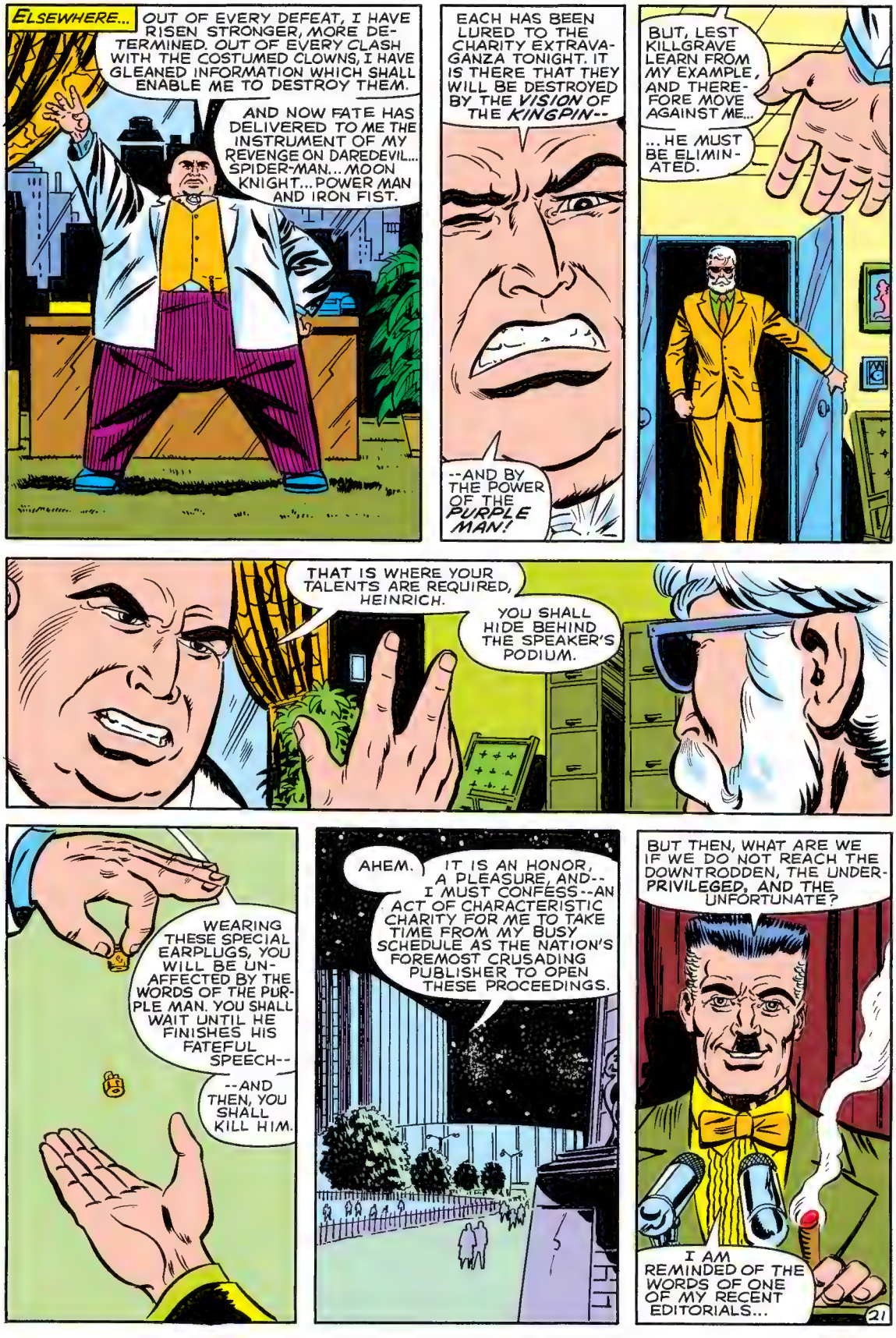

TWO HOURS PASS.
ADMIT IT, JONAH. YOU FEEL GOOD...
...AND YOU LOOK TERRIFIC.
DASHING.
DISTINGUISHED.
DAPPER.
AH! EVEN ALLITERATION BECOMES ME!
GOOD LUCK WITH THE SHOW TONIGHT, MISTER JAMESON.
SORRY I CAN'T BE THERE.
AND WELL YOU SHOULD BE, GLORY!
POOR DEAR. IT'S BREAKING HER HEART, TO MISS MY PERFORMANCE AS EMCEE AT TONIGHT'S CHARITY SHOW.
BUT WORK BEFORE PLEASURE, I ALWAYS--
...AND WORD'S SPREAD ALL OVER TOWN THAT THERE'S SOME HEAVY-DUTY ACTION COMING DOWN AT THE SHOW.
THANKS, JOE. BUT I'M AFRAID WORD HAS BEEN SPREAD A LITTLE TOO THICKLY. I SMELL A TRAP.
BUT LISTEN, GUYS. YOU KNOW HOW OLD MAN JAMESON FEELS ABOUT YOU SUPER-TYPES. BETTER CLEAR OUTTA HERE, BEFORE HE--
--ULP!
OUT.
OUT.
OUT--!!!


ELSEWHERE...
OUT OF EVERY DEFEAT, I HAVE RISEN STRONGER, MORE DETERMINED. OUT OF EVERY CLASH WITH THE COSTUMED CLOWNS, I HAVE GLEANED INFORMATION WHICH SHALL ENABLE ME TO DESTROY THEM.
AND NOW FATE HAS DELIVERED TO ME THE INSTRUMENT OF MY REVENGE ON DAREDEVIL... SPIDER-MAN... MOON KNIGHT... POWER MAN AND IRON FIST.
EACH HAS BEEN LURED TO THE CHARITY EXTRAVAGANZA TONIGHT. IT IS THERE THAT THEY WILL BE DESTROYED BY THE VISION OF THE KINGPIN--
--AND BY THE POWER OF THE PURPLE MAN!
BUT, LEST KILLGRAVE LEARN FROM MY EXAMPLE, AND THEREFORE MOVE AGAINST ME...
...HE MUST BE ELIMINATED.
THAT IS WHERE YOUR TALENTS ARE REQUIRED, HEINRICH.
YOU SHALL HIDE BEHIND THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM.
WEARING THESE SPECIAL EARPLUGS, YOU WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY THE WORDS OF THE PURPLE MAN. YOU SHALL WAIT UNTIL HE FINISHES HIS FATEFUL SPEECH--
--AND THEN, YOU SHALL KILL HIM.
AHEM. IT IS AN HONOR, A PLEASURE, AND-- I MUST CONFESS--AN ACT OF CHARACTERISTIC CHARITY FOR ME TO TAKE TIME FROM MY BUSY SCHEDULE AS THE NATION'S FOREMOST CRUSADING PUBLISHER TO OPEN THESE PROCEEDINGS.
BUT THEN, WHAT ARE WE IF WE DO NOT REACH THE DOWNTRODDEN, THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, AND THE UNFORTUNATE?
I AM REMINDED OF THE WORDS OF ONE OF MY RECENT EDITORIALS...
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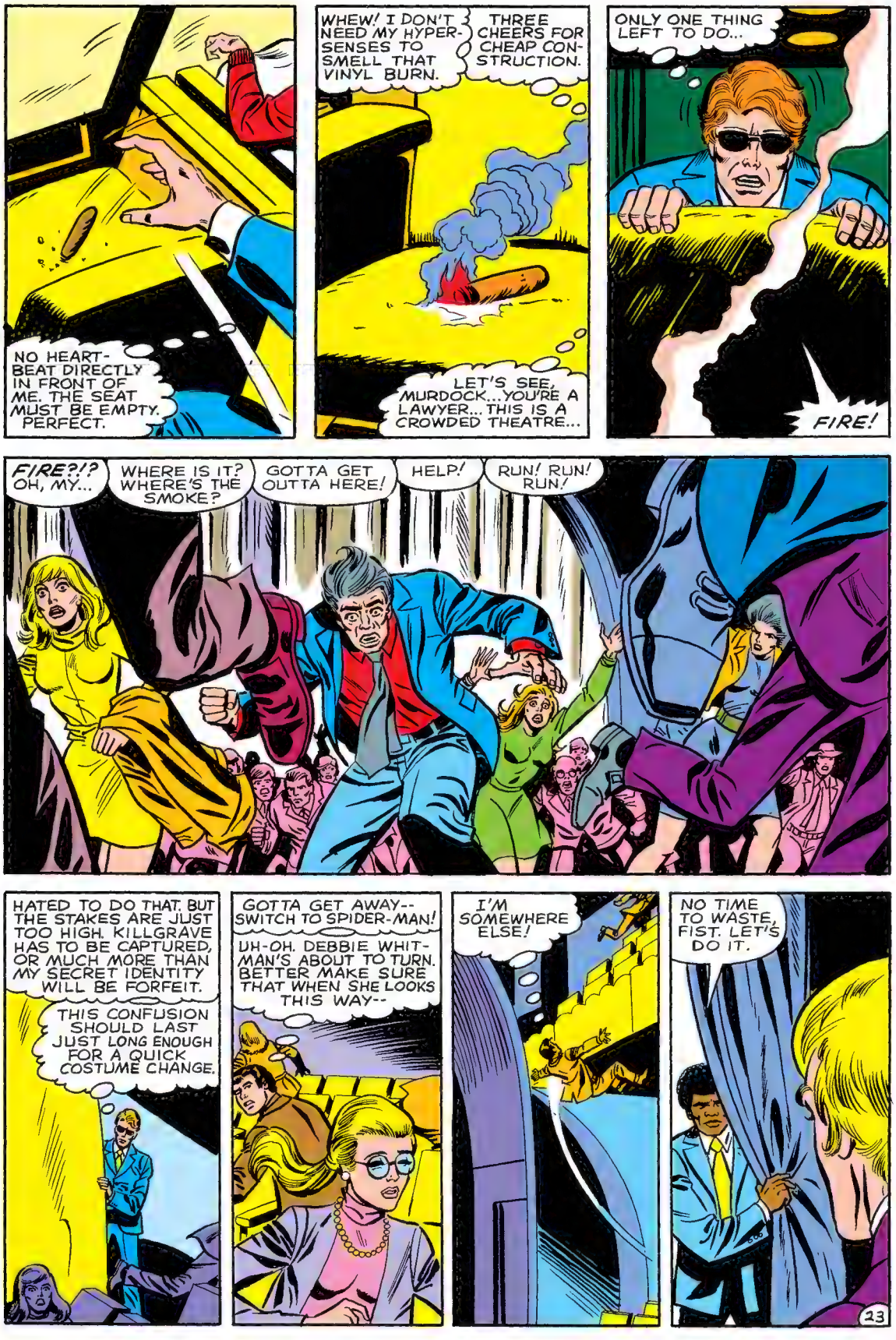
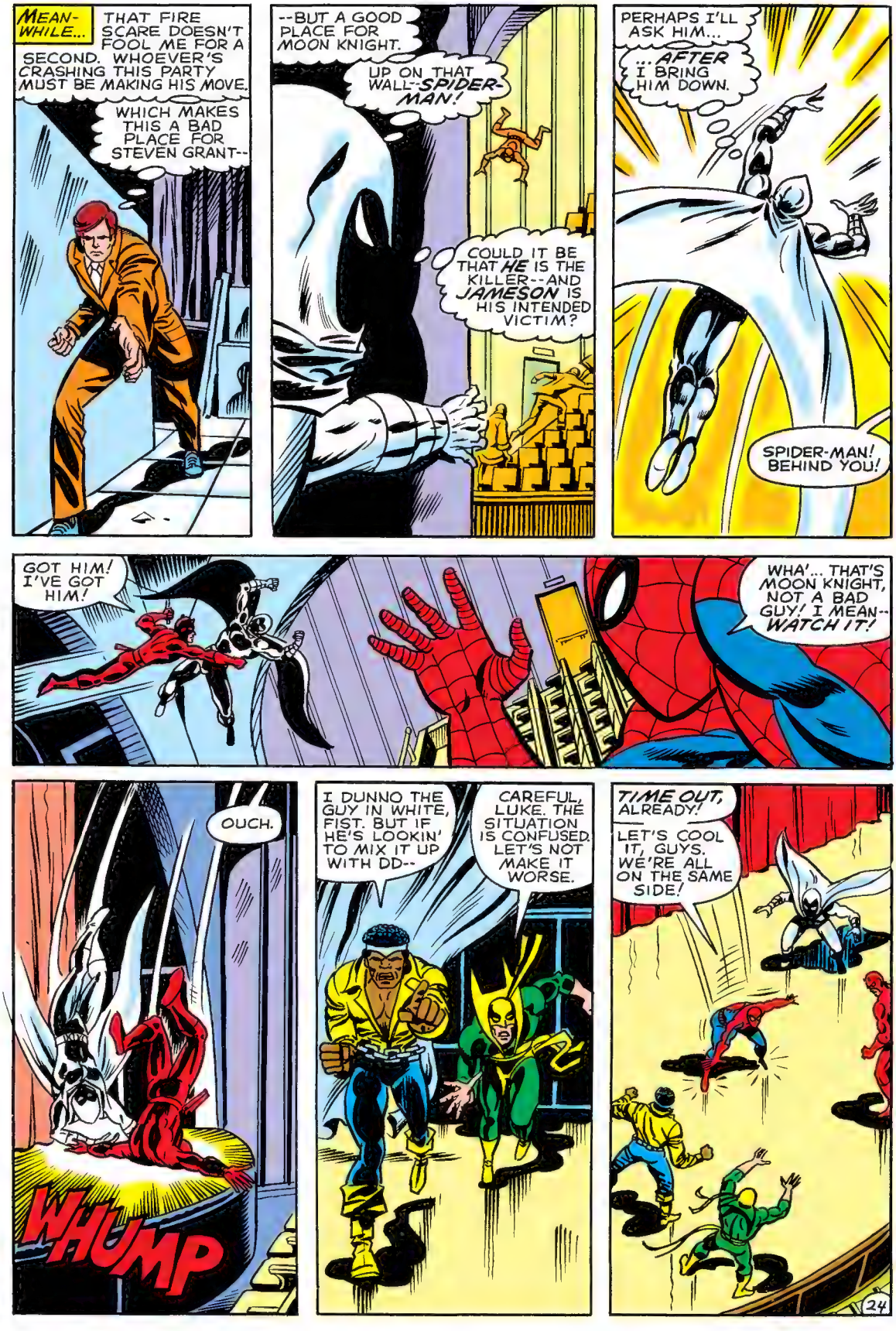
...THAT THERE IS NO GLORY GREATER THAN GIVING. I HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH OVER THE YEARS TO BRING TO THE WORLD THE VERY FINEST IN NEWS COVERAGE IN EVERY ISSUE OF THE DAILY BUGLE...
...WHOSE SUNDAY EDITION NOW FEATURES A SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION WITH THE VERY LATEST IN HOME DECORATING...
YAWN
I HESITATE TO MENTION THE GENEROUS CASH CONTRIBUTION I MADE TO MAKE THIS ALL POSSIBLE. TRUE, IT IS TAX-DEDUCTABLE, BUT WHY QUIBBLE?
YOU MAY NOT GET A CHANCE TO BECOME MOON KNIGHT, STEVEN. JAMESON MIGHT BORE THE BAD GUYS TO DEATH.
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN, FIST.
ALWAYS, LUKE.
SHEESH. OLD FLAT-TOP IS IN RARE FORM TONIGHT. JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T GET STARTED ON SPIDER-MAN...
EXCUSE ME, SIR. THAT CIGAR SMELLS AWFUL.
ESPECIALLY TO THE HYPER-SENSES OF A CERTAIN MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
AND NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET ME INTRODUCE OUR FIRST GUEST...
...KILLGRAVE, THE PURPLE MAN!
WHO?
CA-MON! WE WERE EXPECTING STEVE MARTIN!
BOO!
QUIET.
THAT'S BETTER. NOW, BEFORE I BEGIN MY... ACT ...I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT A CELEBRITY IN THE AUDIENCE.
THERE HE IS IN THE THIRD ROW--MATT MURDOCK. YOU MAY KNOW HIM AS A FAMOUS LAWYER--
--BUT THAT'S ONLY HALF THE STORY, ISN'T IT, MATT?
HE'S TOYING WITH ME. HE KNOWS I'M DAREDEVIL, AND HE'S GOING TO TELL THEM.
HEY...!
HAVE TO MOVE FAST--!


NO HEART-BEAT DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME. THE SEAT MUST BE EMPTY. PERFECT.
WHEW! I DON'T NEED MY HYPER-SENSES TO SMELL THAT VINYL BURN.
THREE CHEERS FOR CHEAP CON-STRUCTION.
LET'S SEE, MURDOCK...YOU'RE A LAWYER...THIS IS A CROWDED THEATRE...
ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO...
FIRE!
FIRE?!? OH, MY...
WHERE IS IT? WHERE'S THE SMOKE?
GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!
HELP!
RUN! RUN! RUN!
HATED TO DO THAT. BUT THE STAKES ARE JUST TOO HIGH. KILLGRAVE HAS TO BE CAPTURED, OR MUCH MORE THAN MY SECRET IDENTITY WILL BE FORFEIT.
THIS CONFUSION SHOULD LAST JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR A QUICK COSTUME CHANGE.
GOTTA GET AWAY-- SWITCH TO SPIDER-MAN!
UH-OH. DEBBIE WHIT-MAN'S ABOUT TO TURN. BETTER MAKE SURE THAT WHEN SHE LOOKS THIS WAY--
I'M SOMEWHERE ELSE!
NO TIME TO WASTE, FIST. LET'S DO IT.


MEAN-WHILE...
THAT FIRE SCARE DOESN'T FOOL ME FOR A SECOND. WHOEVER'S CRASHING THIS PARTY MUST BE MAKING HIS MOVE.
WHICH MAKES THIS A BAD PLACE FOR STEVEN GRANT--
--BUT A GOOD PLACE FOR MOON KNIGHT.
UP ON THAT WALL--SPIDER-MAN!
COULD IT BE THAT HE IS THE KILLER--AND JAMESON IS HIS INTENDED VICTIM?
PERHAPS I'LL ASK HIM...
...AFTER I BRING HIM DOWN.
SPIDER-MAN! BEHIND YOU!
GOT HIM! I'VE GOT HIM!
WHA'... THAT'S MOON KNIGHT, NOT A BAD GUY! I MEAN-- WATCH IT!
OUCH.
WHUMP
I DUNNO THE GUY IN WHITE, FIST. BUT IF HE'S LOOKIN' TO MIX IT UP WITH DD--
CAREFUL, LUKE. THE SITUATION IS CONFUSED. LET'S NOT MAKE IT WORSE.
TIME OUT, ALREADY!
LET'S COOL IT, GUYS. WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE!
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I KNEW IT! THEY'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE! ALL OF THEM! TRYING TO RUIN MY MOMENT OF MUCH DESERVED GLORY!
STOP THEM! CATCH THEM, SOMEBODY!
NOT SOMEBODY-- EVERYBODY!
KILL THE HEROES! KILL THE HEROES!
I SUPPOSE WE SHOULDA' EXPECTED THIS, HUH?
YOU HEARD THE MAN!
LET'S GO, FOLKS!
C'MON! KILL THE HEROES!
HUNDREDS OF THEM, OUT FOR BLOOD.
OUR BLOOD.
SOMEBODY IS LIKELY TO GET HURT.
YOU FIGURE THAT ONE OUT ALL BY YOURSELF, HORNHEAD?
WE NEED A PLAN... A STRATEGY TO FREE THAT MOB FROM KILLGRAVE'S CONTROL...
TELL YOU WHAT. YOU GUYS HOLD YOURSELVES A SUMMIT CONFERENCE.
ME--
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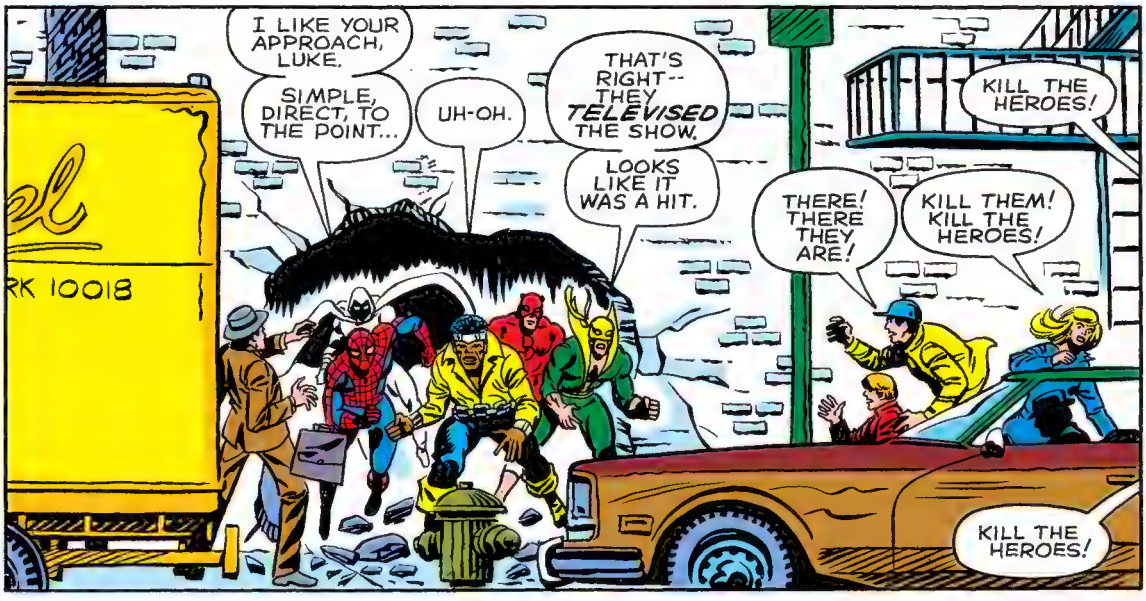
SKRAKOWWW
-- I COULD USE A LITTLE FRESH AIR!


I LIKE YOUR APPROACH, LUKE.
SIMPLE, DIRECT, TO THE POINT...
UH-OH.
THAT'S RIGHT-- THEY TELEVISED THE SHOW.
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A HIT.
KILL THE HEROES!
THERE! THERE THEY ARE!
KILL THEM! KILL THE HEROES!
KILL THE HEROES!
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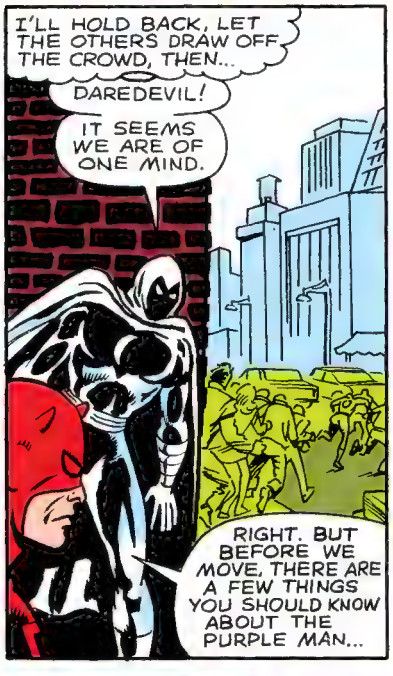
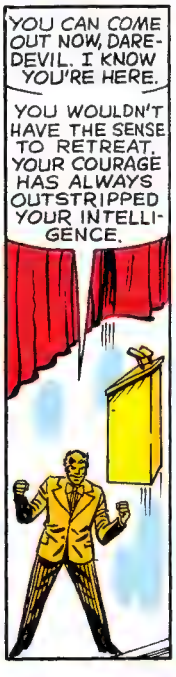
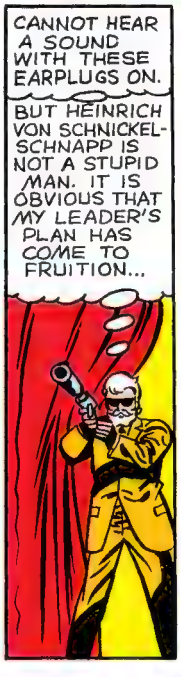
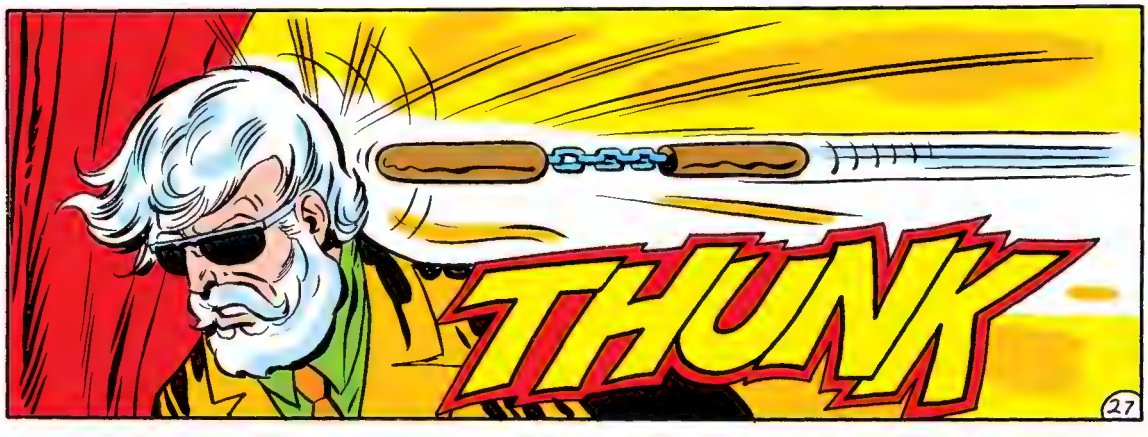

I'LL HOLD BACK, LET THE OTHERS DRAW OFF THE CROWD, THEN...
DAREDEVIL!
IT SEEMS WE ARE OF ONE MIND.
RIGHT. BUT BEFORE WE MOVE, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE PURPLE MAN...


YOU CAN COME OUT NOW, DAREDEVIL. I KNOW YOU'RE HERE.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THE SENSE TO RETREAT. YOUR COURAGE HAS ALWAYS OUTSTRIPPED YOUR INTELLIGENCE.


CANNOT HEAR A SOUND WITH THESE EARPLUGS ON.
BUT HEINRICH VON SCHNICKEL-SCHNAPP IS NOT A STUPID MAN. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT MY LEADER'S PLAN HAS COME TO FRUITION...

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE PURPLE MAN TO DIE.
DO NOT MOVE, MY PLUM COLORED PREY...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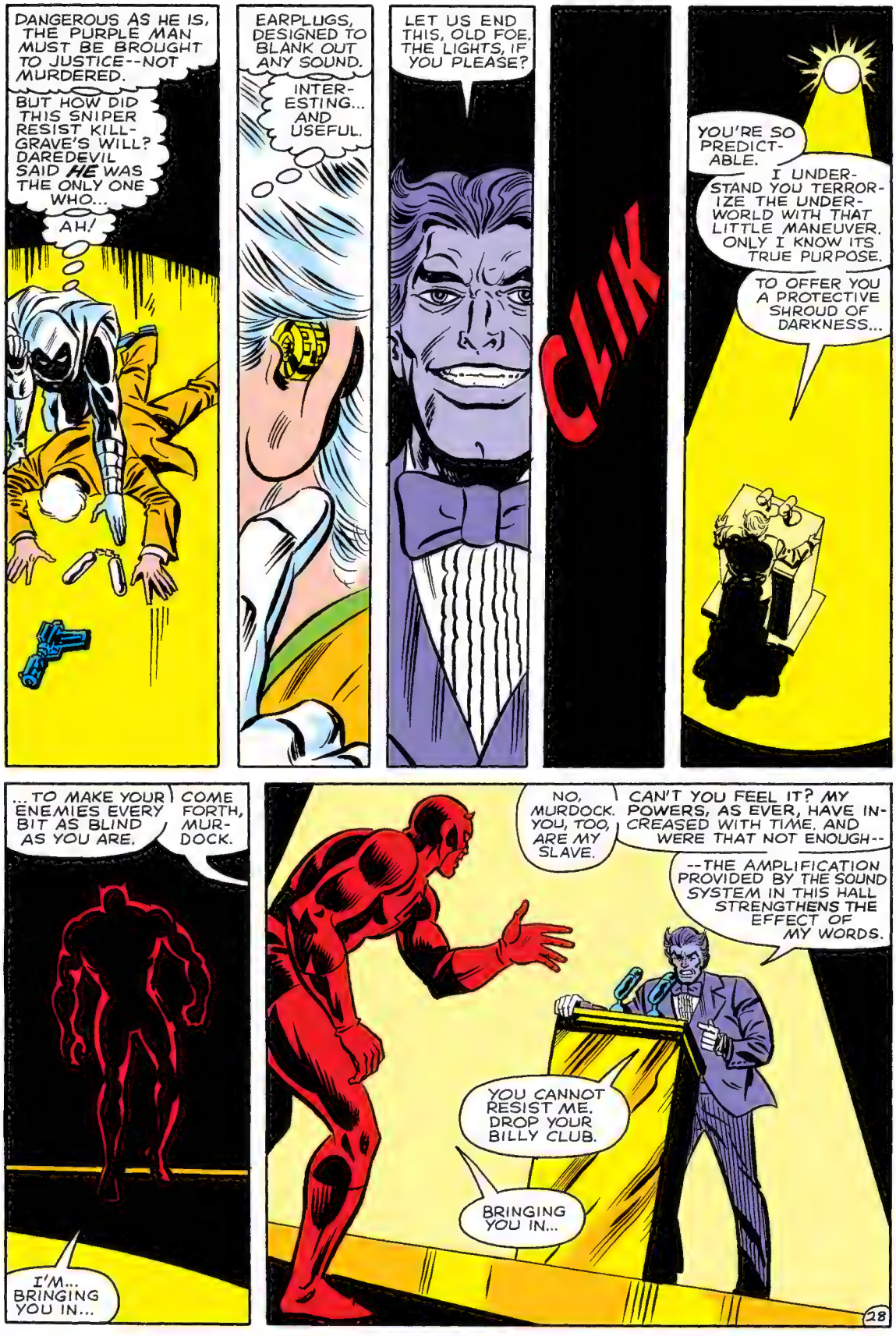
DANGEROUS AS HE IS, THE PURPLE MAN MUST BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE--NOT MURDERED.
BUT HOW DID THIS SNIPER RESIST KILLGRAVE'S WILL? DAREDEVIL SAID HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO...
AH!
EARPLUGS, DESIGNED TO BLANK OUT ANY SOUND.
INTERESTING... AND USEFUL.
LET US END THIS, OLD FOE. THE LIGHTS, IF YOU PLEASE?
CLIK
YOU'RE SO PREDICTABLE.
I UNDERSTAND YOU TERRORIZE THE UNDERWORLD WITH THAT LITTLE MANEUVER. ONLY I KNOW ITS TRUE PURPOSE.
TO OFFER YOU A PROTECTIVE SHROUD OF DARKNESS...
...TO MAKE YOUR ENEMIES EVERY BIT AS BLIND AS YOU ARE.
COME FORTH, MURDOCK.
I'M... BRINGING YOU IN...
NO, MURDOCK. YOU, TOO, ARE MY SLAVE.
CAN'T YOU FEEL IT? MY POWERS, AS EVER, HAVE INCREASED WITH TIME. AND WERE THAT NOT ENOUGH--
--THE AMPLIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE SOUND SYSTEM IN THIS HALL STRENGTHENS THE EFFECT OF MY WORDS.
YOU CANNOT RESIST ME. DROP YOUR BILLY CLUB.
BRINGING YOU IN...
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YOU'LL... NEVER DEFEAT ME... KILLGRAVE...
YOU'VE ALREADY CAUSED... SO MUCH PAIN...
AND I'LL FIGHT YOU...
I'LL...
HMMM... NOW WHAT DO I DO?
ORDER YOU TO STOP BREATHING-- TO BEAT YOUR HEAD AGAINST THE WALL? NO... WHY BE SO MUNDANE?
WHY NOT-- STRANGLE YOURSELF?
GOOD BOY.
AHHHGHH...
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IT'S A PITY.
I'VE BEEN A LONELY MAN ALL THESE YEARS. SLAVES ARE CONVENIENT, BUT THEY ARE POOR COMPANY. I'VE OFTEN WISHED FOR SOMEONE OF INDEPENDENT WILL TO TALK TO... TO TALK WITH.
BUT WE NEVER TALKED, DID WE, MURDOCK? WE ONLY FOUGHT.
AND NOW, EVEN THE FIGHTING MUST END.
HKKKK--!

AH, WELL. PERHAPS THAT KINGPIN FELLOW WILL MAKE SUITABLE COMPANY. HE'S A BOOR, BUT HE SEEMS TO BE WELL READ.
RELEASE HIM, KILLGRAVE. LET DAREDEVIL GO.

WHO DARES?
ANOTHER ONE? LOOK, I CAN'T BE BOTHERED. GO EAT YOUR CAPE.

I SAID, GO EAT YOUR CAPE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? I TOLD YOU TO--

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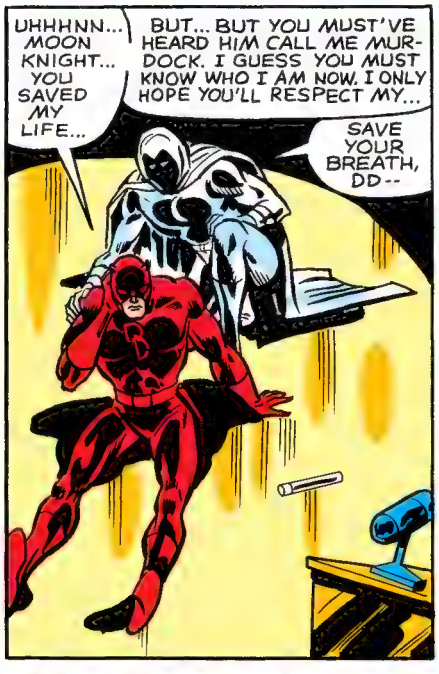
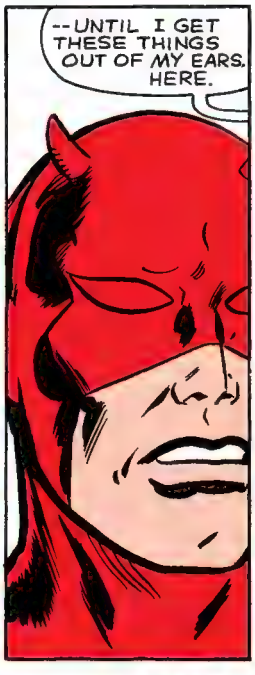
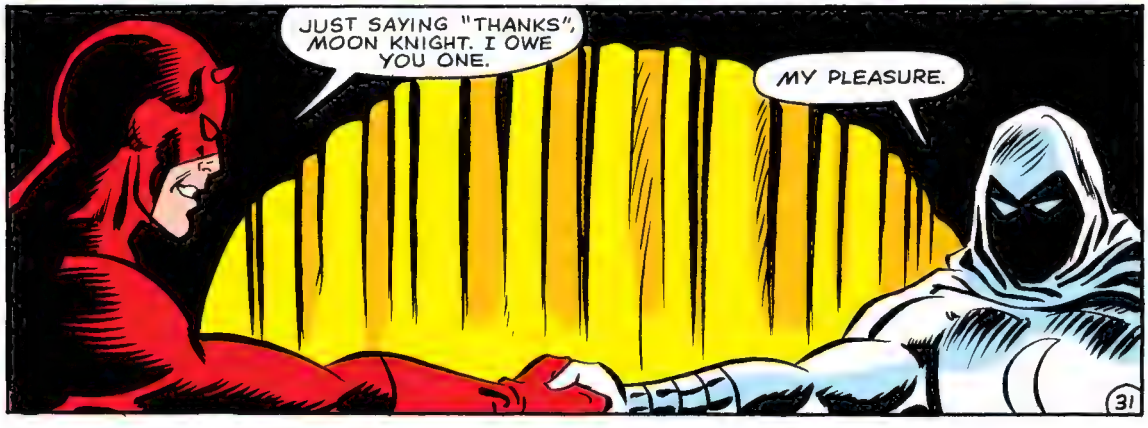

UHHHNN... MOON KNIGHT... YOU SAVED MY LIFE...
BUT... BUT YOU MUST'VE HEARD HIM CALL ME MURDOCK. I GUESS YOU MUST KNOW WHO I AM NOW. I ONLY HOPE YOU'LL RESPECT MY...
SAVE YOUR BREATH, DD--


--UNTIL I GET THESE THINGS OUT OF MY EARS. HERE.

LITTLE DOOHICKEYS WORKED LIKE A CHARM. I COULDN'T HEAR KILLGRAVE'S ORDERS--OR ANYTHING ELSE--SO I COULDN'T VERY WELL OBEY HIM.
NOW, YOU WERE SAYING?


JUST SAYING "THANKS", MOON KNIGHT. I OWE YOU ONE.
MY PLEASURE.

AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
LOOK AT THEM! HUNDREDS--THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, ALL SCREAMING FOR OUR DEATHS!
I'VE HAD NIGHTMARES LIKE THIS-- ALL IT TAKES IS A JAMESON EDITORIAL AND A LIVERWURST-ON-RYE BEFORE BED--BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO WAKE UP BEFORE! THIS IS REAL--REAL!
WHERE DO WE GO-- WHAT DO WE DO--WITH AN ENTIRE CITY OUT TO KILL US?
WE RUN, WEBS.
WE RUN TILL WE CAN'T RUN NO MORE!
HOPELESS. IT'S HOPELESS. THERE'RE SO MANY OF THEM--!
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NO! I WON'T GIVE UP! THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY OUT OF THIS.
WAITAMINNIT... SOMETHING DAREDEVIL SAID...
YEAH.
DD SAY SOMETHING ABOUT LEAVIN' YOUR PALS IN THE LURCH? YOU KNOW FIST AND ME CAN'T CLIMB NO WALLS!
YOU LOUSY...
EASE UP, LUKE. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
I JUST NEED A LITTLE ALTITUDE--
--AND A COUPLE OF CARTRIDGES OF WEB-FLUID--
--AND VOILA! INSTANT NET, READY MADE TO STILL THE MADDING CROWD!
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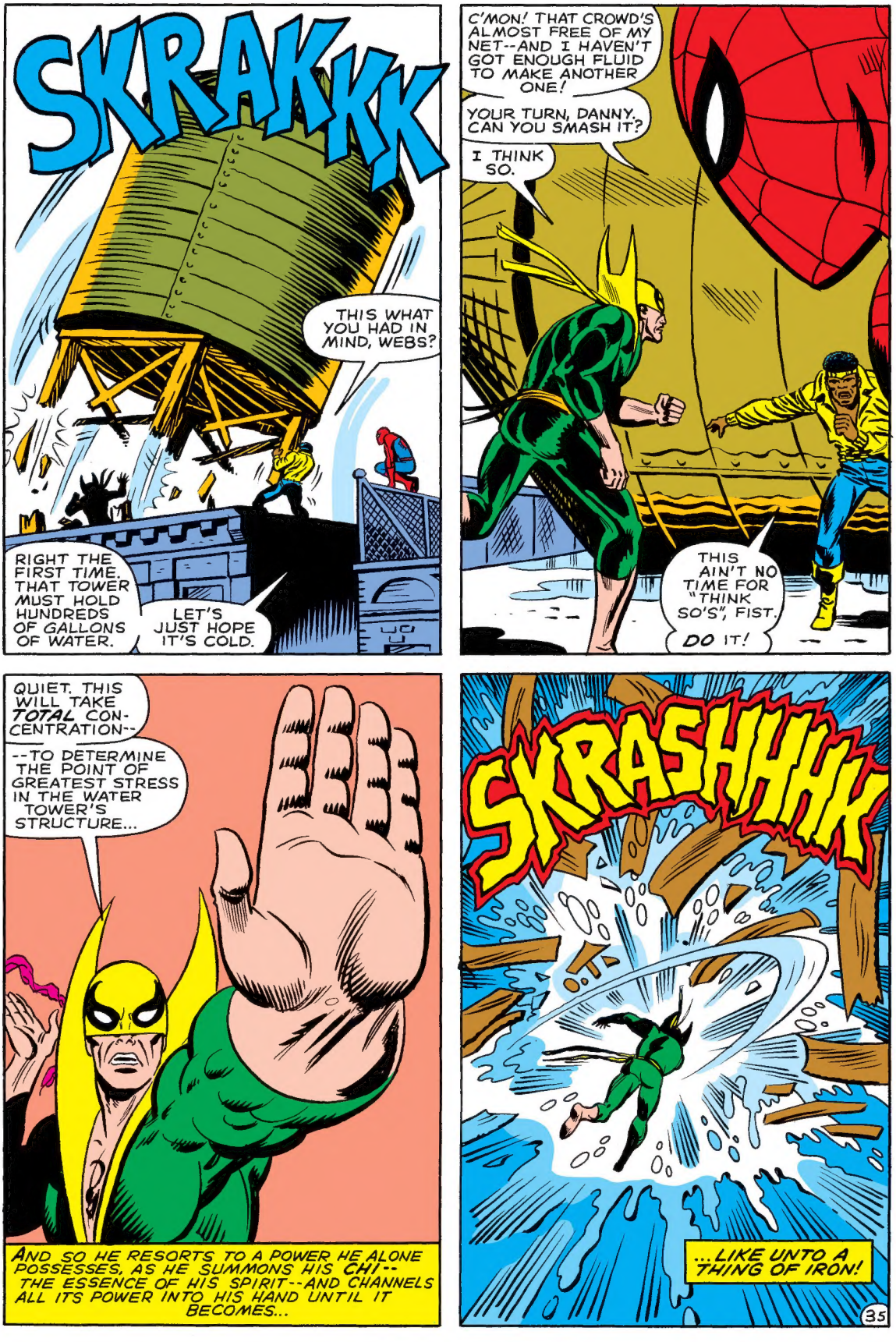
WELL, MAYBE IT WON'T QUITE STILL THEM--
--BUT IT'LL SURE AS HECK SLOW THEM DOWN!
OKAY, GENTS. THIS IS IT. DO AS I SAY, OR WE'RE AS DEAD AS LAST WEEK'S MEATLOAF!
SO SAY SOMETHING, MAN!
"SAY SOMETHING"?
I HOPE YOU REALIZE YOU'RE TALKING TO THE BIGGEST CHATTERBOX IN HERODOM! WHY JUST THE OTHER DAY, DOC OCK TOLD ME THAT IF HE HAD TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD, HE'D--
SO SHUT UP!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
WATCH THE SHIRT, WEBS!
THE ROOFTOPS WILL ONLY PROTECT US FOR A MOMENT, SPIDER-MAN.
THAT'S ALL WE'LL NEED-- I HOPE.
DAREDEVIL SNAPPED A COUPLE OF PEOPLE OUT OF KILLGRAVE'S TRANCE WITH A BUCKET OF COLD WATER. NOW, I FIGURE FOR A CROWD THAT SIZE...
I GET IT.
SMART FELLA. THEN, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO...


SKRAKKK
THIS WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND, WEBS?
RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. THAT TOWER MUST HOLD HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF WATER.
LET'S JUST HOPE IT'S COLD.
C'MON! THAT CROWD'S ALMOST FREE OF MY NET--AND I HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH FLUID TO MAKE ANOTHER ONE!
YOUR TURN, DANNY. CAN YOU SMASH IT?
I THINK SO.
THIS AIN'T NO TIME FOR "THINK SO'S", FIST.
DO IT!
QUIET. THIS WILL TAKE TOTAL CONCENTRATION--
--TO DETERMINE THE POINT OF GREATEST STRESS IN THE WATER TOWER'S STRUCTURE...
AND SO HE RESORTS TO A POWER HE ALONE POSSESSES, AS HE SUMMONS HIS CHI-- THE ESSENCE OF HIS SPIRIT--AND CHANNELS ALL ITS POWER INTO HIS HAND UNTIL IT BECOMES...
SKRASHHHK
...LIKE UNTO A THING OF IRON!
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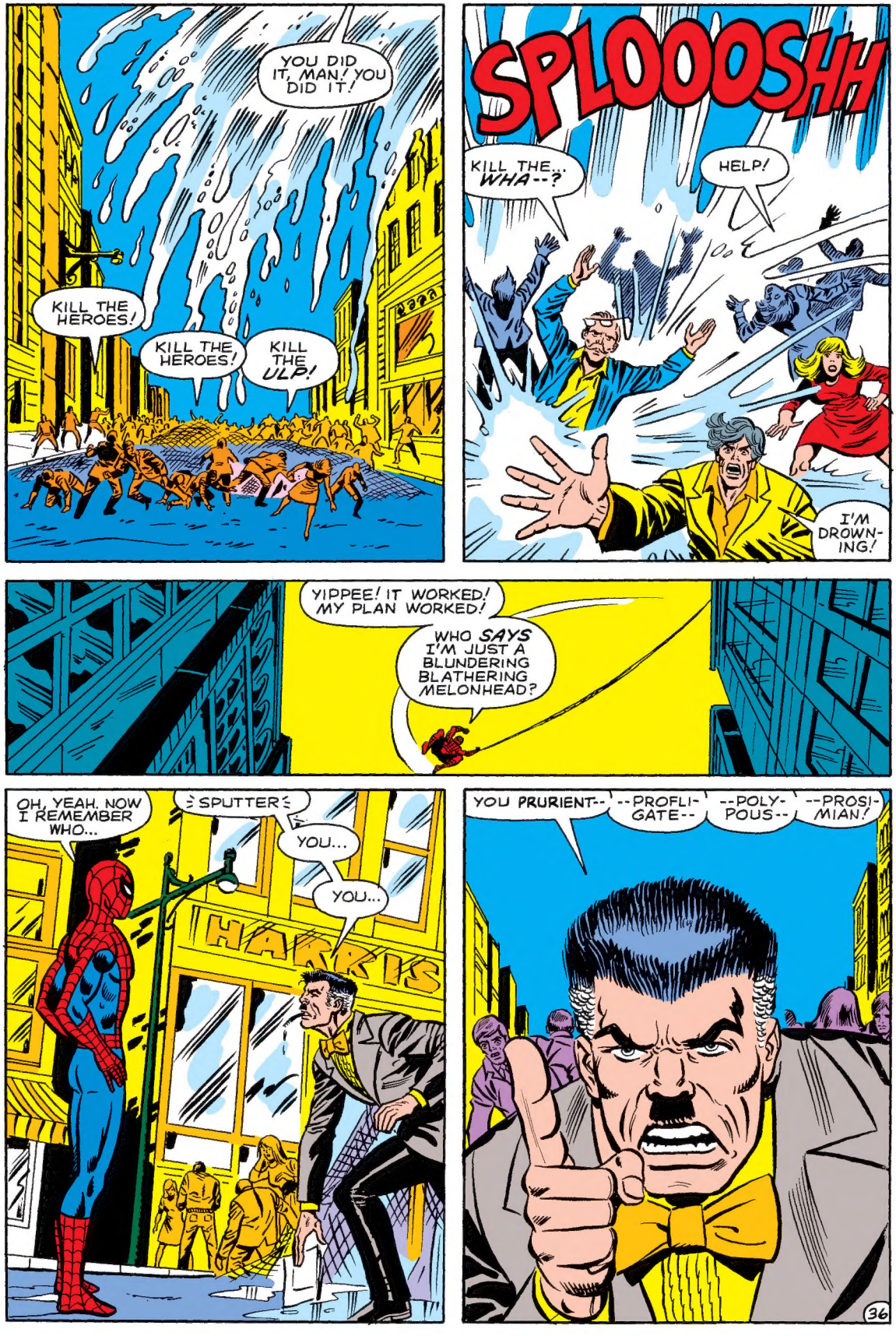
YOU DID IT, MAN! YOU DID IT!
KILL THE HEROES!
KILL THE HEROES!
KILL THE ULP!
SPLOOOSHH
KILL THE... WHA--?
HELP!
I'M DROWN-ING!
YIPPEE! IT WORKED! MY PLAN WORKED!
WHO SAYS I'M JUST A BLUNDERING BLATHERING MELONHEAD?
OH, YEAH. NOW I REMEMBER WHO...
:SPUTTER:
YOU...
YOU...
HARRIS
YOU PRURIENT--
--PROFLI-GATE--
--POLY-POUS--
--PROSI-MIAN!
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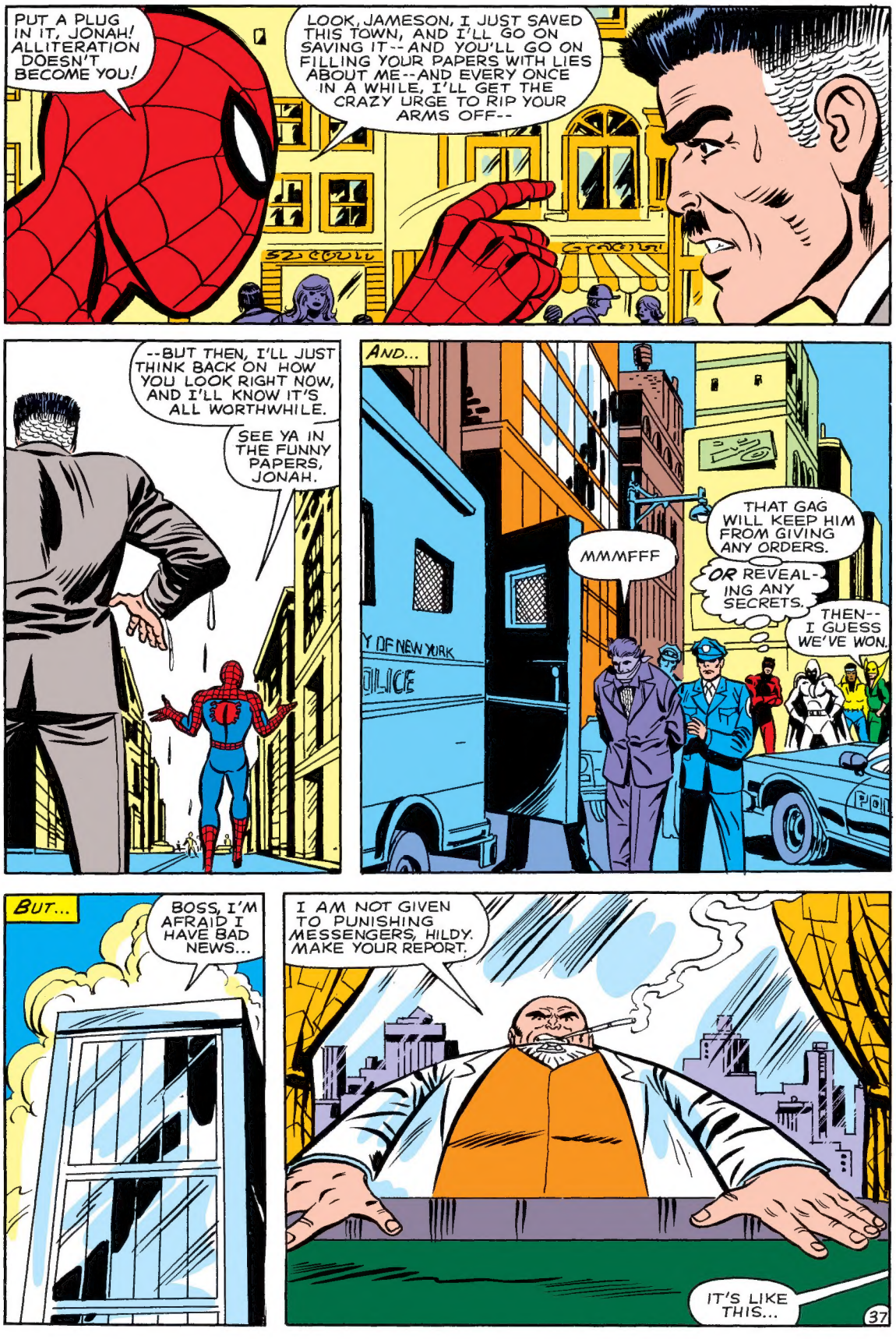
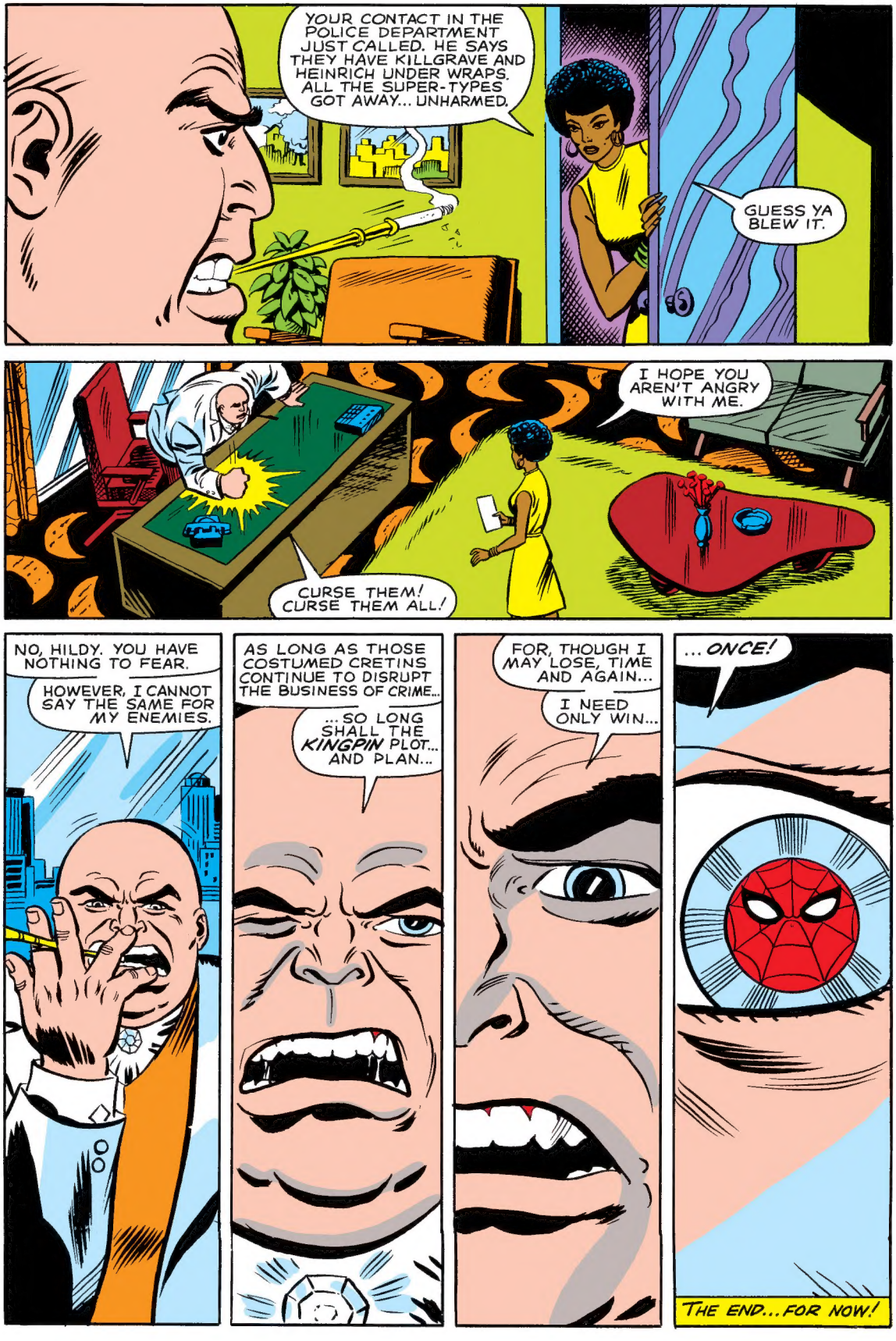

PUT A PLUG IN IT, JONAH! ALLITERATION DOESN'T BECOME YOU!
LOOK, JAMESON, I JUST SAVED THIS TOWN, AND I'LL GO ON SAVING IT--AND YOU'LL GO ON FILLING YOUR PAPERS WITH LIES ABOUT ME--AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, I'LL GET THE CRAZY URGE TO RIP YOUR ARMS OFF--
--BUT THEN, I'LL JUST THINK BACK ON HOW YOU LOOK RIGHT NOW, AND I'LL KNOW IT'S ALL WORTHWHILE.
SEE YA IN THE FUNNY PAPERS, JONAH.
AND...
MMMFFF
THAT GAG WILL KEEP HIM FROM GIVING ANY ORDERS.
OR REVEALING ANY SECRETS.
THEN--I GUESS WE'VE WON.
BUT...
BOSS, I'M AFRAID I HAVE BAD NEWS...
I AM NOT GIVEN TO PUNISHING MESSENGERS, HILDY. MAKE YOUR REPORT.
IT'S LIKE THIS...


YOUR CONTACT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT JUST CALLED. HE SAYS THEY HAVE KILLGRAVE AND HEINRICH UNDER WRAPS. ALL THE SUPER-TYPES GOT AWAY... UNHARMED.
GUESS YA BLEW IT.
I HOPE YOU AREN'T ANGRY WITH ME.
CURSE THEM! CURSE THEM ALL!
NO, HILDY. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
HOWEVER, I CANNOT SAY THE SAME FOR MY ENEMIES.
AS LONG AS THOSE COSTUMED CRETINS CONTINUE TO DISRUPT THE BUSINESS OF CRIME...
...SO LONG SHALL THE KINGPIN PLOT... AND PLAN...
FOR, THOUGH I MAY LOSE, TIME AND AGAIN...
I NEED ONLY WIN...
...ONCE!
THE END...FOR NOW!